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OPA urged to probe PSS 'abuses'

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The Office of Public Auditor is being urged to investigate various allegations of abuse being committed by the CNMI Public School System, including wasteful use of public funds, allowing outsiders to use PSS funds for travel, and questionable credit card use.

The request for investigation alleges that PSS has been violating certain laws and U.S. Department of Education regulations.

The formal complaint, filed with OPA and with copies furnished to a number of federal agencies and Gov. Benigno R.

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Housing perks for hospital staff delayed anew

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Hospital employees did not get their housing allowance in the last pay period and some fear this may again lead to the suspension—or worse, termination—of the privilege.

The housing allowance is given to employees who were hired from off-island, as part of their incentive package. There are an estimated 200-plus personnel who enjoy this benefit.

A number of CHC employees failed to receive their housing perks last year as a result of declining government revenues

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House Minority Leader Diego T. Benavente (R-Saipan), left, confers with, from left, Marianas Public Land Trust board of trustees Melchor Mendiola Jr., Pedro Deleon Guerrero, and vice chair Alvaro Santos on Capital Hill shortly before the House voted on a bill providing for additional $4 million in advance interest payment from MPLT to the general fund yesterday afternoon, or a few hours after the Senate passed the same bill.

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MVA owes travel firms over $2M

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The Marianas Visitors Authority asked the help of lawmakers yesterday in finding money to pay off MVA's over $2 million debt with travel and tourism agencies in Japan, Korea, Russia and China as well as in the CNMI.

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> **—Rep. Ray Tebuteb**

Rota 7th graders learn about the power of the pen

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A wise man once said, "The important thing in writing is to astonish." For the writing class of the 7th grade students of Rota Junior High School Class of 2009, they did just that—and more.

It began with a mission to make these 40 young minds recognize the value of writing. "We wanted them to realize that writing is a powerful tool," said Rota Junior High School acting principal Maria Quitugua in a telephone interview with *Saipan*

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'Suspect in Kagman rape clams up on 2 other suspects'

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The 21-year-old man who was tagged as one of three suspects in the kidnapping and rape of a 16-year-old student in Kagman is withholding information that could lead to the arrest of his co-suspects, according to a prosecutor.

Assistant attorney general Brian Gallagher said that lowering Angel Jess Santos' $100,000 cash bail and allowing him to go free may prevent the detection and arrest of the two suspects who remain at large.

Santos had allegedly told police that he was one of three persons who kidnapped the victim and that he only served as a lookout when one of them raped the victim at Tank Beach. Santos claimed that a male juvenile was actually the one who raped the victim and that he could not identify their third companion.

Superior Court associate judge David A. Wiseman declined to lower the bail in yesterday's hearing and said he will issue a written order.

Santos' lawyer, assistant public defender Richard Miller, had asked the court to release his client to a third-party custodian upon signing a $100,000 appearance bond secured by property.

Assistant attorneys general Shelli Neal and Gallagher opposed this, with Gallagher saying that Santos has shown a blatant disregard for Commonwealth laws and presents a clear danger to the community.

"[Santos'] actions have caused ongoing fear within the community and his release will further disturb the peace of the citizens of the Commonwealth," the prosecutor said.

Gallagher said Santos is also a flight risk since the charges and potential punishment is severe, with a likely sentence of upwards of eight years in prison.

He cited four aggravating factors in Santos' criminal acts:

■ Acting in concert with two other suspects in a "gang-rape";

■ Sexually and physically assaulting a child of only 15 years of age;

■ Causing physical injury during the attack; and

■ Leaving the victim for dead in an abandoned area.

Gallagher said Santos' release to a third party custodian will negate any deterrent effect for others who are thinking of committing the same crime.

He and Neal asked the court to deny Santos' application for bail modification for the safety of the community and in the interest of justice

Santos faces charges of kidnapping, sexual assault in the first degree, sexual abuse of a minor in the third degree, assault and battery, and disturbing the peace.

Detective Dennis Masga Reyes stated in his report that Santos had confessed to being one of three persons who kidnapped the student last June 16. The three allegedly beat up the girl then brought her to Tank Beach where she was raped. The girl later regained consciousness in an abandoned house behind the CYC Store in Kagman.

Protest withdrawn in radiology privatization; CHC to award contract

The Commonwealth Health Center can now move ahead with plans to privatize the hospital's radiology section following the withdrawal of a protest earlier filed by a losing bidder.

Sablan confirmed with *Saipan Tribune* that Precision Medical Imaging, LLC, owned by former Commerce Secretary James Santos, withdrew its complaint last Friday.

Sablan refused to divulge more information and details of the protest, citing the confidentiality of the bid proposals.

Sources disclosed that a doctor from Guam, Dr. Nathaniel Berg, was selected for the project. He has yet to officially get the contract, though.

Saipan Tribune learned that Precision Medical Imaging had protested the awarding of the bid to Berg due to what it claims were inadequate information and materials provided by CHC about the project. The company believed that if the other information it sought were provided, it may have won the contract.

Esther Muna, DPH acting deputy secretary for hospital administration, said yesterday they got official word from Procurement and Office Supply officer Herman Salas about the protest's withdrawal.

"This is welcome news to CHC because it means we can finally move forward with the process of selection approval and contract negotiations. It is unfortunate, however, that the protest delayed us from doing this in April," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

The Fitial administration is backing the outsourcing and privatization of CHC to address the decades-long problems plaguing the only hospital on island. Outsourcing and privatization will reduce costs and improve the efficiency and delivery of health care services, according to the administration.

DPH has been in a state of emergency for several months now due to poor service and lack of personnel.

At present, the local government is also looking to the private sector to supplement public health care and had invited private clinics into the hospital. ***(Monette G. Deposa)***

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Head Start Policy Council Agenda

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Head Start Policy Council hereby gives notice that it will have a meeting on July 7, 2010 (Wednesday) from 5:00pm-7:00pm, Chalan Kanoa Head Start Center Resource Room, Saipan.

I. **Preliminary Matters**
   1. Call to Order
   2. Roll Call
   3. Quorum
   4. Adoption of Agenda
   5. Adoption of Minutes: June 3, 2010

II. **Public Comments**

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   1. From the State Board of Education
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V. **Old Business**

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   1. Report of Child Outcomes
   2. Approval of Recommendations to Hire
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VII. **Executive Session**

VIII. **Next Meeting**

IX. **Adjournment**

Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)7, the Council may vote to meet in Executive Session. Public Comments are limited to 15 minutes; therefore comments are limited to 3 minutes each.

This meeting is open to the public, interested individuals are welcome to attend. Any person(s) requiring special accommodations may contact Ms. Candace Q. Celis at 664-3761; several days notice is required.

/s/ Mr. Gene Weaver
Chairperson

Senate, House approve MPLT bill; $4M reinstated but...

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The Senate and the House of Representatives passed during yesterday's back-to-back sessions a contentious bill allowing the Marianas Public Land Trust to earmark and appropriate to the general fund an additional $4 million in advance interest payment, mainly to pay for government utility bills.

Senators scrapped yesterday morning the additional $1.25 million it tacked on as a rider on the bill last week for the Commonwealth Health Center and patient needs, in addition to the $4 million that the House earlier approved.

Shortly after the Senate transmitted the bill, the House reconvened its session in the afternoon and passed it on a 16-2 vote.

Rep. Frank Dela Cruz (R-Saipan) and Rep. Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan) voted against the bill, saying the administration has to officially announce what the money will be specifically used for—whether to pay the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. for government utility bills or for government payroll on Friday.

Acting House Speaker Felicidad Ogumoro (Cov-Saipan) said the MPLT bill "has nothing to do with the payroll" but will be used to pay for CUC bills.

Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos said this Friday's payroll for all government employees hinges on another $2 million remittance from the Commonwealth Development Authority and other outside funding sources.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said CDA has yet to remit additional funds to the general fund yesterday.

So far, only money for the salaries of police officers, fire fighters, corrections officers, doctors and nurses has so far been secured.

'MPLT is satisfied with bill'

MPLT board trustee Pedro Deleon Guerrero, in an interview after the House session yesterday, said MPLT is "satisfied" with the bill as passed.

Deleon Guerrero reiterated what House legal counsel Joe Taijeron had said during the session—that the $4 million is not a "loan" but "advance interest payment."

"It's just advancing the interest payment that would have been remitted to the central government in the following years," he said.

Still, Tebuteb and other lawmakers say it is a "loan."

'Fitial yet to see final MPLT bill'

As of close of government office hours yesterday, the House had yet to transmit the bill to the office of Gov. Benigno R. Fitial for action.

Demapan confirmed that the bill, as passed, has not been transmitted to Fitial yet.

"Conceivably, we will receive the transmittal [today] for the governor's review as we have not seen the bill in its final form. If no questions of legality exist, we anticipate that the bill will be signed into law in a timely manner," Demapan said.

Acting Senate President Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian) said the additional $1.25 million had been a sticky issue in the bill.

Among other things, CHC's equipment and patient needs were not part of the reasons why the governor placed the CNMI under a state of emergency because of a lack of fuel for CUC. Days later, the Legislature passed a bill authorizing the governor to reprogram up to $10 million to pay for payroll and CUC bills in Fiscal Year 2010.

The bill, introduced by Rep. Ray N. Yumul (R-Saipan), amends Public Law 16-7, which had allowed the transfer of $3.4 million to CUC on Aug. 4, 2008, to address the rolling blackouts at that time. Since then, MPLT has received interest income from their investments for FY 2009 that would have normally come into the general fund for appropriations paid back.

Of the $3.4 million, there is still a balance of $1.7 million.

Under the latest version of the bill that the Senate and House passed yesterday, there is another $4 million that will be transferred to the CNMI general fund.

The total $7.3 million is earmarked and appropriated from "future interest income distributions" of MPLT for FYs 2009, 2010, 2012.

Yumul, author of the bill, said FY 2011 is excluded from the measure so as not to change the governor's proposed budget for FY 2011. The Senate passed yesterday a House concurrent resolution approving Fitial's proposed FY 2011 budget.

"It would be very difficult to undo what the administration did," he said.

For FY 2010, MPLT has reported that there will be an anticipated shortfall in the investment earnings or interest income from their investment activities. The shortfall is expected at $200,000.

The bill is House Bill 17-78, House Draft 1, Senate Substitute 1.

Tinian firefighter is arrested for domestic violence, child abuse

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Police arrested on Monday a Tinian firefighter who allegedly beat up his wife and their two children several times.

Brent Harold Borja, 32, also allegedly used a Tinian Fire pickup truck while intoxicated to follow his wife and pick up their children.

Borja was brought to the Saipan Superior Court yesterday afternoon for an initial appearance on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon, three counts of assault and battery, kidnapping, two counts of child abuse, interfering with a domestic violence report, violating an order for protection, two counts of disturbing the peace, contempt, and two counts of misuse of government vehicle.

Borja's bail was set at $40,000 cash.

Detective Barbara K. Arend stated in her report that Borja's wife called Tinian police for assistance on June 10.

The wife told police that Borja slapped her and choked her on April 30 while she was inside a car. Upon reaching their house, Borja pulled her hair, choked, then locked her in the room.

On May 28, Borja, while drunk, allegedly beat up the victim, then took their children aboard a Fire pickup truck. Arend said the victim told police she did not immediately file a complaint because he would watch her until all her bruises were healed.

Borja allegedly told his wife no one would believe her because he works at DPS.

The wife said Borja also beat her up on Saipan in October last year while she was pregnant.

Two of their three children told police that they saw their father beating up their mother several times. The two said their father also beats them up using any objects and shouts at them and their mother.

Superior Court associate judge Ramona V. Manglona had issued on March 29, 2010, a protection order barring Borja from having direct or indirect contact with his wife.

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NMI highlighted in Folklife Festival in Washington DC

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands was a featured part of a program Monday spotlighting Pacific Island cultures in the American community of peoples. Part of the annual Folklife Festival sponsored by and held on the grounds of The Smithsonian Institution on Washington, D.C.'s Mall, this year's theme is "Asian Pacific Americans: Local Lives, Global Ties." Held June 24-28 and July 1-5, it is the first time in almost 20 years there is a focus on Pacific Islanders.

In large circus style tents on The Mall, visitors can see demonstrations of Asian and Pacific dancing and cultural presentations, and listen to lectures by Asians and Pacific Islanders. In true island style, the Pacific oral presentations were called "talk story" and were informal in nature. When CNMI Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan sent his regrets due to scheduling conflicts, the Festival organizers turned to CNMI's first Washington Representative, Edward DLG Pangelinan, who happily joined the panel that included the ambassadors of Palau and the Federated States of Micronesia.

"These are rare opportunities that we must not miss," said Pangelinan, "so I was happy to have the chance to tell the story of our Commonwealth and its relationship to the U.S. The CNMI-FSM-Palau panel was preceded by one consisting of Marshall Island diplomats and was followed by a presentation by a group of American Samoans.

Former governor Juan Nekai Babauta and Saipan Sen. Luis Crisostimo were among those in the audience and also were recognized to speak to the audience. The former governor paid homage to the Freely Associated States in their choice of status options and told the crowd that even if their formal ties with the U.S. were different than those of the CNMI, "we all are Pacific brothers and remain very, very close to each other."

"I am happy that Eddie made sure we were represented and am pleased that Governor Babauta and I could schedule our trip to be here specifically for Pacific Islander Day," said Crisostimo, because I know how important such events can be for us."

"During my 12 years in Washington as the CNMI Resident Representative," said Babauta, "watching out for federal legislation was only part of my job. I also made sure that we had visibility on occasions like this. I believe that also should be the function of the CNMI delegate to Congress. It's time consuming when you are only a one-person delegation to Congress but the reward is educating people about the CNMI, especially people in Washington who may be in a position to help us."

Congress is still in session this week, so being on Capitol Hill has to take top priority in the frantic closing days before the July 4 recess, but the good news is that this Folk Festival also will be here over the July 4 holiday weekend, when thousands of people will come to The Mall, especially the day of the fireworks.

The former governor is accompanied by his wife, Charlene Mendiola Tudela and Crisostimo is with his son Luis, Jr. They are holding a number of meetings on CNMI-federal issues. ***(PR)***

OPA

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Fitial, claims there are questionable activities at PSS that require investigation, citing a recent audit conducted by J. Scott Magliari for Fiscal Year 2009, where the audit firm questioned a contract PSS inked with a software provider.

OPA was also told that Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan's approval to reimburse travel collections merits an investigation.

Ditto the use of PSS credit cards in paying for food in leadership meetings as well as expenses incurred by PSS leaders during off-island meetings.

The same investigation request alleged that travel funds were also being abused by allowing some individuals "outside" of PSS and the Board of Education to travel using PSS' indirect cost funds.

The indirect cost funds are also reportedly used to pay for hotel room rentals, but with invoices for food and snacks.

The OPA was also asked to look into the wasteful use of PSS funds and federal monies in the printing of colorful monthly newsletters, quarterly magazines, and other pamphlets charged to federal agencies.

The purchase order and travel authorization issued by PSS for religion purposes is also prohibited under the use of federal monies and OPA is being urged to check these transactions.

OPA was also asked to look into the hiring of a new finance director for PSS, despite the lack of certification by the Fiscal and Budget Office.

Last June 21, PSS hired a finance director but the position was not certified for three reasons: due to the hiring freeze Sablan ordered in February, duplicate responsibilities with the financial consultant hired in 2008, and an unanticipated increase in the director of finance salary from $60,000 to $65,000. Despite this, the Human Resource Office and the Commissioner's Office still went ahead with the new hire.

The decision of the commissioner to transfer the PSS comptroller to school level work was also questioned. *Saipan Tribune* learned that the comptroller was re-assigned to monitor non-appropriated funds amounting to just $100,000, in contrast to the millions of dollars the comptroller was handling at the PSS main office.

OPA, as a policy, does not comment or disclose details of ongoing investigations.

Education Commissioner Sablan has yet to respond to *Saipan Tribune*'s e-mail inquiry as of press time.

HOUSING

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and collections. The government, by law, is allowed to suspend or terminate the allowance, based on the availability of funds. The several resignations that followed, however, prompted the hospital to restore this privilege.

A hospital employee who has dependents receives an $800 monthly housing allowance, while single employees get $600 a month. This is usually given out during the first week of each month and is separate from the paycheck hospital employees receive every payroll.

Employees interviewed by *Saipan Tribune* yesterday confirmed that they were not given the housing allowance in the last pay period. The next housing allowance is scheduled to be given out on Friday, July 2.

Employees disclosed that they have no information yet as to when they could get their housing allowance. *Saipan Tribune* learned that the hospital has not issued any memorandum about the privilege since being delayed in the last pay period.

Esther Muna, Department of Public Health's acting deputy secretary for hospital administration, confirmed yesterday the delay in the issuance of the checks but assured that it will still be given to affected personnel.

"It's not suspended," she said, refusing to comment further on the issue and referring this reporter to the Finance Department. Finance Secretary Bob Schrack did not return this reporter's call.

The department earlier said the housing benefit is the only "enticement" the hospital could offer so it could keep its over 200 off-island recruits.

The delay in the issuance of the allowance comes amidst the increasing hardship the CNMI government has been experiencing in meeting payroll costs. The salaries of government employees were delayed for about three days in the last pay period and only those employees in essential departments got their checks on time.

This Friday, another "payless payday" may occur if the government fails to come up with the money it needs to pay for its personnel cost, which amounts to $3 million every pay period.

MVA

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MVA is the CNMI government's tourism agency.

Of the over $2 million in MVA's outstanding obligations, over $100,000 is owed CNMI-based private tour and travel agencies, including Pacific Development Inc. and Pacific Micronesia Tours Inc., said lawmakers who attended the closed-door meeting with MVA managing director Perry Tenorio in the House chamber on Capital Hill yesterday afternoon.

Rep. Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan), Rep. Joseph Palacios (R-Saipan) and Rep. Ramon Basa (Cov-Saipan) separately said MVA has been appropriated $6.1 million under the continuing budget resolution but has so far received only some 23 percent or some $1.4 million of that money.

Palacios said the lack of money coming MVA's way has resulted in "a little over $1 million in outstanding contractual obligations" to travel agencies in four countries and those in the CNMI.

He said these agencies help promote the CNMI as a tourism destination, and help bring tourists to come to the CNMI.

"It's bad enough that our tourism is down, and now we owe money to those offshore and on island firms helping to bring tourists to the CNMI. We should be thankful that these companies are still willing to promote the CNMI despite not getting paid," Palacios told *Saipan Tribune.*

Visitor arrivals have been on a yearly decline since at least 2005 when Japan Airlines pulled out from the CNMI. JAL was bringing in tourists from the CNMI's main tourism market of Japan.

Tebuteb said the CNMI cannot afford to lose these travel agency partners, considering that the only industry in the CNMI is tourism, after the garment industry pulled out early last year.

"The issue of MVA's lack of funding and the outstanding obligations to offshore and on-island agencies is serious. This will affect the image of MVA and the CNMI," Tebuteb said.

Tebuteb, who is chairman of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation, said the Legislature already recently gave the governor the authority to reprogram up to $10 million in funding to address its financial problems like payroll and utility bills, and the governor could use the same authority to find money for MVA's critical needs.

"It would certainly jeopardize our relationship with travel agents off island if the CNMI does not pay them. They are very accommodating with MVA, and we should pay them for their services to MVA and the CNMI," he added.

Tebuteb said he had brought up the issue of MVA's budget during previous sessions but a meeting wasn't called in until yesterday.

Basa, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, said it is important that the government help MVA pay offshore and on-island vendors.

He said the House Committee on Commerce and Tourism will call for another meeting between lawmakers, MVA and Gov. Benigno R. Fitial or his representative to resolve MVA's funding woes.

Palacios and Tebuteb said CNMI-based travel and tour agencies are owed anywhere between $17,000 and $50,000.

Rep. Teresita Santos (Ind-Rota), who was also present at the meeting, said she is also concerned about MVA's some $100,000 in unpaid obligations to Continental Micronesia for charter flights between Rota and Japan cities.

"I just hope we are able to resolve this so MVA's future and CNMI's future wouldn't be jeopardized or affected," said Santos.

MVA's Tenorio couldn't be reached for comment about his closed-door meeting with lawmakers.

Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan), chairman of the Committee on Commerce and Tourism, said the meeting with Tenorio was a "fact-finding" and "unofficial" meeting. He did not want to comment further.

In May, MVA's Tenorio had said the proposed budget to promote the CNMI in other countries in Fiscal Year 2011 has been cut by almost half, from $10 million down to $5.394 million.

ROTA

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Tribune.

In preparation for the students' writing placement test, Quitugua, alongside reading teacher Aimee Steiner and Language Arts instructor Armi Atalig, thought of a "fun writing project" they can do for the students' writing class.

"It was basically an initiative from the students. They themselves identified what they can do to serve the community," said Quitugua.

From the brainstorming came the idea to write "power letters," "persuasive essays" written with such passion by young students who wanted to make a difference in their community. The thought of restoring their community library was voted top on their list.

The community library on Rota was built in 2002. However, the onslaught of super typhoon Pongsona in December 2002 destroyed the newly constructed library, leaving damaged books for Rota students.

In the letters they've written, the students introduced themselves and explained the situation of the community library—with its moldy books that can no longer be used—that forced them to shut it down. "The students don't have a library anymore," Quitugua said.

These letters were then sent to a number of companies. As the possibility of not receiving positive feedback from these businesses, Quitugua said they had to remind the students not to set their expectations so high. What's important is that they did their best, she added.

Replies for the students' letters eventually started coming in. Quitugua recalled that the initial responses were donations, like the basketballs from Nike and cases of canned goods courtesy of Hormel.

However, the reception of the local office of Pepsi Co. was different. Quitugua said Pete dela Cruz of Pepsi Co. office on Rota acknowledged the noble objective of the students that he decided to send the letters to the general manager of the Guam office who then forwarded them to their Asia-Pacific headquarters.

These letters were so convincing that they caught the attention of Julie Hamp, senior vice president of Pepsi Co. International, paving way for the Pepsi Book Drive for Rota.

The Pepsi Book Drive for Rota, which will run from July 1 to 31, 2010, encourages people from all walks of life to donate books to be provided to the Rota Junior High School library. Books collected from the drive will be presented to the school on Aug. 21.

Books donations are accepted Monday to Friday, 1pm to 5pm, at Pepsi Guam Bottling in Harmon Industrial Park and the KUAM offices on Harmon Loop Road.

Although Quitugua confirmed that only Guam is accepting donations for this book drive, Pepsi's response to the letters is already overwhelming enough. "Their response is so generous. We were surprised that they wanted to do more for us," she said.

"We were not trying to solicit. We just wanted to let the students know that writing is a powerful tool and it opens people's minds and hearts. But because of this book drive, the students have learned that there is someone on the other end of the line. And they're listening," she added.

LibDay queen bets present new facet of their personalities

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While her quiet demeanor sometimes creates a negative impression, Josifynn Vivian "Peachy" Q. Rasa maintains that there is more to her than meets the eye. "I'm smart, nice and I can be fun too," Peachy tells *Saipan Tribune*.

An incoming sophomore at Marianas High School, Peachy asserts her love for dancing, and her being a member of the Te'ivi Maori dance group for three years now shows her zeal for Polynesian dance.

Peachy, the oldest daughter of Roca and Vinson Sablan, says it's her first time to experience a contest with this kind of exposure.

But for 15-year-old Peachy, being one of the candidates of the Liberation Day Queen goes beyond the limelight. "It takes a lot of hard work because of the fundraising aspect but you get to support the community in the process," she says.

A travel enthusiast, Peachy shares that she has visited many destinations, including California, Texas, Seattle, Hawaii, Guam, and Japan. Among these places, Peachy loves California best as "they have lots of stuff going on there."

According to Peachy, her favorite activity as a Liberation Day Queen candidate is the Japanese memorial service they held in Marpi. Having an uncle in the army, Peachy said the event helped her become aware of people who risk their lives in the name of freedom.

Peachy disclosed that she was already friends with fellow candidate Rayna Anabeth Chong even before the contest but the Liberation Day Queen experience brought them closer than ever.

Peachy has two sponsors: McDonald's Saipan helped out in public relations and in ticket sales while Pena House boutique provided her sandals and clothing for her activities as a candidate, including her gown for the coronation night on Friday.

Peachy says this experience taught her about the importance of community service and educating the young generation on culture.

A nervous but poised Peachy believes that she gave her all and she helped her community by being a part of the Liberation Day celebration and looks forward to the coronation night.

Peachy thanks her family and friends who have been very supportive all throughout the contest. "I love you guys."

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Sashana Mae Richelle Igitol Atalig, or Sasha to family and friends, admits to being the type of girl who loves the outdoor and not the kind who involves herself in girly stuff. So when friends and family found out about her signing up for Liberation Day Queen, Sasha said they were surprised.

"I was always the girl in the t-shirt and pants, that's why they're willing to go down to the Liberation grounds to see me wearing make-up and a gown," Sasha quips.

The second oldest child of Jessa Igitol and Richard Atalig, Sasha spends her time helping around their house or just hanging out with her two best friends who gave her the idea about being a candidate.

"I wanted to gain experience with this. I also got inspired because both of my best friends won as Liberation Day Queen and Princess in 2008 and 2009," says Sasha, who just turn turned 18 last June 19.

Just like a typical young adult, Sasha finds herself crazy about the Harry Potter and Twilight series. "I am a member of Team Edward," she beams proudly.

Sasha's athletic side got her playing softball as a left-fielder in the Pohnpeian league.

Her itinerant side, meanwhile, has brought Sasha to Tinian and Guam but she always finds herself going back to Saipan. "There's no place like home," Sasha asserts.

A recent graduate of Kagman High School, Sasha will be taking up nursing this August at the Northern Marianas College.

Excited yet nervous at the same time, Sasha disclosed that she's "not in it to win" but is after the experience and to prove a point. "Not only the skinny girls can accomplish a lot on this."

"You don't have to be somebody you're not. You just have to be yourself. It doesn't matter how you look or how people see you. It's how you see yourself and how you prove your worth to yourself and to everybody," Sasha explained.

She expressed gratitude to her sponsor, Systems4u, and to her mom and best friends "for always being there."

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By DENCIO MANGLONA
STUDENT INTERN

Students and faculty from the Adelaide, Australia-based Flinders University are developing an Underwater World War II Heritage Trail in the Saipan lagoon, further emphasizing the CNMI as an ecotourism location and protecting Saipan's underwater treasures.

Jennifer McKinnon and about 18 others from the Flinders University began research in the CNMI for its historical underwater sites earlier this year and, until recently, had been conducting hands-on, site work since May. Sites documented during the project include three tanks, four airplanes, two Japanese landing craft, a possible sub-chaser, a freighter and an American LVT (Landing Vehicle Tracked).

The project was funded through a $50,000 grant from the American Battlefield Protection Program, which the group received in August 2009. The expedition group comprised staff and graduate students from Flinders University's Archaeological Department. The group also worked with the CNMI Historic Preservation Office.

McKinnon provided the public with an overview of their findings and plans for the trail's development in the Saipan lagoon Friday last week, with a crowd of over 100 World War II buffs and scuba divers attending the lecture at the American Memorial Park.

Jason Raupp, a PhD student at Flinders University, emphasized at the public presentation the importance for site visitors to "take pictures, not things,"

"The reason we're doing what we do is that it's research on one hand, but it's also…people are diving at these sites anyway. If they're gonna be out diving the sites its good to know that they know the reason why these sites are here…to try to teach them that 'you don't take things from the site' because, say, everyone takes something and there's nothing left. There's no more reason for the tourism, there's no more reason for the sites," Raupp said.

The planned heritage trail will be augmented with site brochures, diving and snorkeling guides, and a Web site that divers can use to learn about the history of the sites. The brochures, guides and Web site will be completed by December 2010.

NMI govt ordered to pay $29,407 in attorney's fees to Peter-Palican

The federal court yesterday awarded $29,407.50 in attorney's fees to Emerenciana Peter-Palican, who successfully sued the CNMI government for terminating her in 2006 as special assistant for Women's Affairs.

U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge John C. Coughenour said he finds Douglas Cushni's hourly rate of $225 per hour reasonable.

"The court has reviewed counsel's supplemental fee submission and finds the hours expended to be reasonable, with the exception of the 26.8 hours spent on the interlocutory appeal," Coughenour said.

The judge said the hours used are reasonable in relation to the level of success Peter-Palican achieved.

"After having deducted the appellate hours from the total, the court determines that plaintiff is entitled to attorney's fees for 130.7 hours at $225 per hour, for a total of $29,407.50," Coughenour said.

The judge also ordered the CNMI government to pay Peter-Palican $450 in court costs.

Cushnie earlier asserted that his billing rate is $250 an hour, for a total of $39,375.

In March, Coughenour ordered the CNMI government to pay Peter-Palican $216,049.88 in back wages and benefits.

The judge also ordered the CNMI government and Gov. Benigno R. Fitial to reappoint the plaintiff within 30 days to a government position that has a salary similar to or greater than what she used to have. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

No date set yet for governor's SOCA

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REPORTER

Rep. Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan) raised concern yesterday about the lack of a scheduled date for the governor's State of the Commonwealth Address, which is usually held in April or May.

"It's now almost July and we don't have the governor's SOCA yet… Especially with the kind of predicament we're in, the governor has to report to the Legislature and the public what it has been doing to address the problems we have now," Tebuteb said.

Tebuteb also raised the issue during yesterday's House session, but other lawmakers also didn't have ready answer.

The Constitution requires the governor to report at least annually to the Legislature regarding the affairs of the CNMI and new measures that are necessary or desirable for the islands.

House Speaker Froilan C. Tenorio (Cov-Saipan) is still off-island, and acting House Speaker Felicidad Ogumoro (Cov-Saipan) has yet to set a date for the annual address wherein the governor addresses the Legislature and the public about the current state of the Commonwealth.

Press secretary Angel Demapan earlier said the date will be up to the Legislature.

Senate President Paul Manglona (R-Rota) is also off-island, and acting Senate Vice President Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian) also has yet to set a schedule for the SOCA.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial delivered his last State of the Commonwealth Address on May 27, 2009, citing a "perfect financial storm" in the past three years that stymied his goal of economic recovery when he came into office in 2006. He got re-elected in November 2009 and began his second term in January 2010.

In his 2008 SOCA, Fitial blamed the Legislature for the power crisis. A year earlier in 2007, he said the government is "still broke" and "better times" will take some time. In Fitial's first SOCA in 2006, he said the government is "broke."

Senate OKs Fitial's budget for FY 2011

The Senate unanimously approved yesterday Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's budget proposal for Fiscal Year 2011 of $149.371 million, of which $132 million is available for government operations.

The Senate's passage of House Concurrent Resolution 17-2, House Draft 1, came over a month after the House approved it on May 25.

Fitial, in his April 1 budget submission to the Legislature, identified a total of $149.371 million in projected resources for FY 2011, which begins on Oct. 1, 2010 and ends on Sept. 30, 2011.

Of this figure, $132 million is available for government operations.

HCR 17-2, HD1 was introduced by House Ways and Means Committee chair Rep. Ramon Basa (Cov-Saipan).

Five senators present at yesterday's session approved the concurrent resolution without amendment.

The CNMI government will be forced to shut down if no budget is enacted for FY 2011 following the ratification of House Legislative Initiative 16-11 in the Nov. 7, 2009 general elections. The initiative removed the provision for a continuing budget resolution and bars any withdrawals from the general funds except through legislative appropriations. It also suspends the salaries of lawmakers if no budget is passed on time.

The House and Senate committees on ways and means wrapped up public hearings on agency budgets, and are now deliberating on the 2011 budget. ***(Haidee V. Eugenio)***

CK duplex burglarized Saturday

An unidentified person or persons broke into a duplex house in Chalan Kanoa and stole a laptop and other items on Saturday.

The victim, who asked to be identified only as RJ, told Saipan Tribune yesterday that the suspect or suspects stole a silver and black Toshiba laptop L300 Series and a silver Sony digital camera DSC W30 belonging to him and his wife. Also stolen was a blue bag that contained RJ's passport, a bankbook, and other items.

He estimated the value of the stolen items at $1,500.

RJ said the suspect or suspects managed to enter their room by breaking the lock of the sliding window.

It was RJ's wife who discovered the burglary when she came back from work on Saturday at 5:15pm and noticed the window was already open and their room a mess.

The couple immediately reported the incident to the Department of Public Safety.

"To anyone who has information about the incident or seeing any of the stolen items please call the police. They may also call me at 235-5429 or 789-2094," RJ said.

Burglary cases on Saipan have been increasing at an alarming rate in the past couple of years. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Torres slams Zoning anew

Rep. Stanley T. Torres (Ind-Saipan) has voiced out his criticism against the Commonwealth Zoning Board, this time directed at 24-hour pawnshops that he says are "illegal."

In his letter dated yesterday and addressed to acting Zoning administrator Therese Ogumoro, Stanley called Ogumoro's attention to the existence of a pawnshop in Garapan and in San Antonio that operate for 24 hours in violation of Saipan Zoning Law of 2008.

Torres attached in his letter pictures of the two pawnshops showing 24-hour signages posted conspicuously outside their businesses.

According to Torres, these pawnshops violate Title 4 Section 5648 Subsection (b), which states that "it is unlawful for a licensee or any employee thereof to operate a pawnshop, engage in, or conduct business as a pawnbroker between the hours of 10pm and 8am."

"These signs are regulated by your Zoning Office, and it would help if you could suspend the "enforcing" and/or harassing of the innocent business people and investigate the real problems on Saipan, e.g. the two "24-hour" pawnshops," Torres stated in his letter.

Saipan Tribune contacted Ogumoro for her reaction but she declined to comment on the matter. ***(Clarissa V. David)***

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Parent slams school for inadequate services

By MONETH G. DEPOSA
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REPORTER

A parent of a summer camp student at Golden Harvest International School and Day Care Center is accusing its owner of providing inadequate services to his child—a claim denied by school president Susan Deblois yesterday.

Efren Cacdac, the school's Parent Teacher Association president but speaking as an individual parent, described the $300 fee for the summer camp as "too high," considering the number of services available to participants.

The school is conducting a six-week summer camp from June 14 through July 23.

According to Cacdac, his child was only provided some computer and cooking lessons since the start of the camp.

He alleged that, based on its presentation to parents, the school promised special lessons on music and instruments such as violin and sessions on arts and crafts, to name a few.

Cacdac expressed frustration at the school's unfulfilled obligation to parents and described the school's action as something that turns off parents like him.

Cacdac said the school only has three teachers running the summer camp.

Deblois belied Cacdac's claims, however, saying the school has a total of seven teachers, including herself.

She claimed that starting 9am, participants are provided lessons in music, arts and crafts, and cooking. Three sessions are also conducted every afternoon: a computer class, drama, and physical education.

Based on the 2010 Summer School Camp activities presented to parents, their children will receive sessions on music and basic theater arts, which the school combined with performing arts; computer lessons; cooking and baking; arts and crafts; and fit and run.

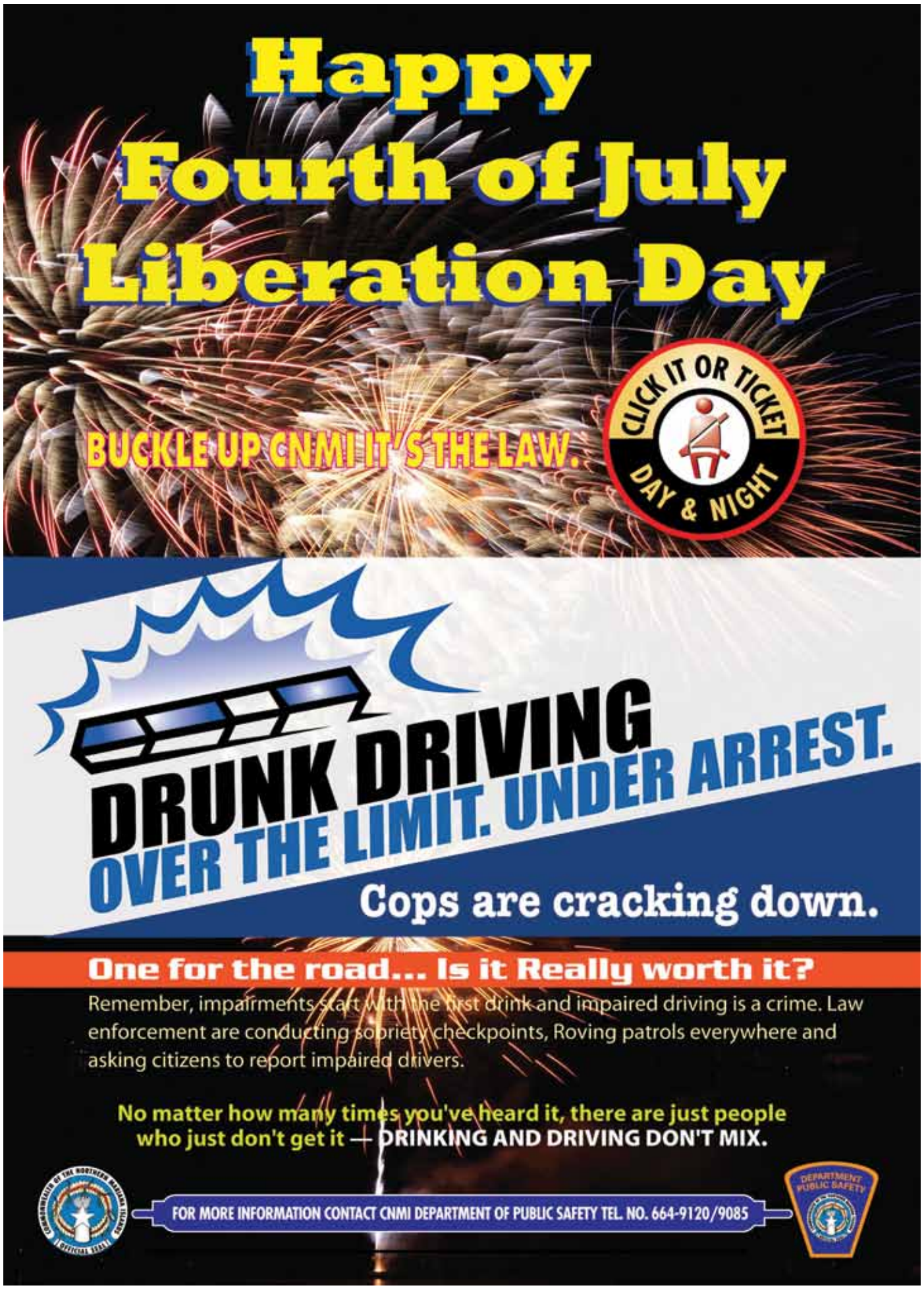
Activities include a bonfire and an overnight pajama party on July 22, with family members invited to join. The graduation and mini-concert is slated for July 23.

Deblois said all 27 registered summer campers participate in these activities She said they are planning to invite guest demonstrators for the arts and crafts sessions.

Deblois said the $300 fee is inclusive of materials and lunch for students and is already a discounted amount, estimating that each parent pays only about $10 per day for their child's participation.

Tinian sets summer reading program

The Tinian Mayor's Office, in collaboration with Tinian Skills Inc., is launching its 2010 Summer Reading Program. Registration forms can be picked up at the Mayor's Office, the Tinian Public Library, the health clinic or the post office. Submit completed application forms to the public library or the Office of the Mayor. Program starts on July 8, 2010, and will last until Aug. 27, 2010. Orientation is on July 6, 2010, at 10am. ***(PR)***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Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

June 30, 1999

Court upholds $3.5 M award

For a man whose arms were amputated and therefore became disabled as result of "electrocution" injuries, the jury's award of $3.5 million may be just fair, according to the Superior Court. In a decision issued Friday, Superior Court Associate Judge John Manglona denied a motion for retrial filed by Kim Kyung Duk, who owned the commercial building in Chalan Kanoa where plaintiff Felix F. Fitial obtained his permanent injuries eight years ago. In upholding the jury's decision, Manglona said that based on evidence presented at the trial, "it cannot be said that the award of $3.5 million for his injuries is so excessive as to shock the judicial conscience."

Legislators: It's better late than never

Legislators yesterday welcomed a move by the U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee to defer a proposed 51 percent cut on the federal construction grants to the Northern Marianas, saying this will not harm government plans to undertake overdue infrastructure projects in the future. They also underscored the results of lobbying by island leaders against attempt to reduce Washington's financial assistance, which the CNMI views as its only hope to spur the local economy following a two-year decline in business activities in the island. But Rep. Oscar M. Babauta raised fear that efforts to identify local resources to match the annual grants earmarked under the Covenant's capital improvement projects would be derailed because the federal government is not ready to release the money.

June 30, 2000

MVA elects board directors

Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio yesterday asked all government agencies, private businesses, civic organizations and the people of the CNMI to support the efforts of the Marianas Visitors Authority to revive the ailing tourism industry. While commending members of the private sector for their support in enticing tourists to visit the islands of Saipan, Tinian and Rota, the governor also noted the efforts by all the mayors to assist MVA's programs and events. The partnership of the government and the private sector complements the promotional efforts of the CNMI in the international market, Mr. Tenorio said in a speech during the MVA general membership meeting.

Youth leader says literacy should start at home

Pressing for the preservation of culture and heritage of the Pacific islanders, Tinian High School outstanding student Carl King-Nabors underscored the need to initiate learning of the first language at home. An active student leader, Mr. Nabors said parents should start prepping up their children the basics of their native language as early as possible. Speaking before participants to the 19th annual Pacific Islands Bilingual Bicultural Association, Mr. Nabors stressed that the preservation of one's own culture and heritage can be achieved only through a coherent community effort.

June 30, 2003

Torres: Why rush Brown?

Why are some senators in such a hurry to confirm governor's legal counsel Pamela Brown as Attorney General? Rep. Stanley Torres lists down several reasons. "If you look at the legal problems adding up for some Tinian senators, they want the best deal possible for them and that would be Ms. Brown as a top cop. Piece of cake for them, but not for us." Torres said that, with the marijuana bust of Sen. Joaquin G. Adriano's brother last month and his domestic abuse case, some Tinian senators are banking on Brown's "goodness of heart" to get them off the legal hook, "which is why they want her in the Attorney General's position pronto!"

Governor says CUC has right to disconnect govt

While saying that the Legislature has only appropriated a dismal $5 million for utility bills this fiscal year, Gov. Juan N. Babauta said that the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has the right to disconnect its non-paying customers, including the central government. "CUC has every right to do disconnections. I'm not saying it's okay [with us] but we should be treated like everybody else," said the governor in a recent interview. Babauta said the Executive Branch received only $5 million appropriation for utility services for the current fiscal year. "I'm only budgeted $5 million for a year to pay the bills that cost the government $11 million," he said, citing the government's outstanding debt with the utility firm as of last fiscal year.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

NMC extends alumni survey deadline

The Northern Marianas College is inviting all 2009 graduates to participate in an online survey that will help the college track and measure graduates' educational pursuits and employment since graduation.

The deadline to fill the survey has been extended to July 18, 2010. The college will be using the collected data to improve its programs in order to better meet the educational and workforce needs of the community.

To access the survey, contact NMC institutional researcher Lisa Hacskaylo at 234-5498 ext. 1029 or lisah@nmcnet.edu, or NMC Alumni president Jack Kiyoshi at Ext. 1021 or jackk@nmcnet.edu. ***(NMC)***

Calling on all court translators, interpreters

The CNMI Superior Court is in the process of updating its list of translators and interpreters. If you are on the Superior Court list or interested in becoming one, you will need to go to the Office of the Clerk of Court and pick up an application form. Application processing is free. Bring a copy of your photo ID. For more information contact Elsa Duenas-Nieto at 236-9765 or Julie Ilo at 236-9774. ***(PR)***

Marianas Agupa lineup for radio talk show

■ Ways and Means chair Rep. Ray Basa will be featured on Saturday, July 3, 2010. Topic of discussion will be on the austerity measure and the 2011 budget.

■ Secretary of Public Lands Oscar Babauta will be featured on Saturday, July 10, 2010. The topic of discussion will be on current public land leases and revenue.

■ Senate President Paul Manglona will be featured on Saturday, July 17, 2010. Topic of discussion will be on the 2011 budget.

The show is from 10am to 11am on Magic 100.3 FM.

The Chamorro Talk Show Program is hosted by Glenn H. Manglona with special guest host, former mayor Joseph S. Inos. The talk show airs every Saturday from 9am to 11am. Additionally, the show features a special report from Rota with correspondent and commentator Thomas D. Mendiola from Rota and a report from Tinian by correspondent and radio commentator David M. Cing. Simultaneous Internet streaming via www.magic100radio.com will be available. For more information, e-mail marianasagupa@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

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PSS-IFB-10-072

(Re-Announcement of PSS IFB 09-029)
"REHABILITATION FOR SINAPALO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL"

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting sealed bids for **Rehabilitation of Sinapalo Elementary School on Rota**, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The Scope of Work and project package are available beginning on June 16, 2010 at Pacific Quick Print for a fee of $28.95.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference on July 6, 2010 at Sinapalo Elementary School Cafeteria at 1:30 p.m. in Rota. Bids will not be accepted from any bidder who failed to attend this pre-bid conference. Questions may be submitted in writing to Fax No. (670) 664-3715 or emailed to Mr. Rommel Mostales, Acting CIP Coordinator at rommel.mostales@cnmipss.org no later than July 13, 2010, 4:30 p.m.

All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked, IFB-10-072 and submitted with one original and three (3) copies to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan. no later than 2:00 p.m, local time, July 20, 2010. If no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be publicly opened at 2:00 p.m. local time July 22, 2010 in the 2nd floor Conference Room, NMI Retirement Fund Building.

Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Procurement Officer no later than 2:00 p.m., local time on July 20, 2010 and may be transmitted via fax to (670) 664-3791 or e-mail to robert.florian@cnmipss.org. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and three copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than July 20, 2010 and must be received no later than July 30, 2010 in which case all bids will be opened at 2:00 p.m., August 3, 2010.

This project is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), under its Community Development Block Grant, American Receovery and Reinvestment (CDBG-R).

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/S/ Marcie M. Tomokane
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Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

CUC-RFP-10-031
TANK CLEANING & REPLACEMENT POWER PLANT NOS. 1 & 2

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced firms for the "Tank Cleaning & Replacement" at its Power Plant Nos. 1 and 2, Lower Base, Saipan, CNMI. The work under this RFP is divided into two separate projects so that CUC will have the opportunity to select more than one Offeror and provides for expedited project completion if it finds that would be in the best interest of CUC. All the work will be done as a part of the US EPA Stipulated order No. 2 response action and is subject to their approval. This project will be funded through the grant awarded by the US Department of Interior, Office of Insular Affairs:

A. Project 1:
- A. 1. Cleaning of tanks 101 and 102 (588,000 USG , each), used for diesel fuel storage;
- A. 2. Cleaning of tank 107 (1,320 USG), used for used oil storage;
- A. 3. Cleaning of tank 107 C (23,000 USG), used for used oil storage;
- A. 4. Cleaning of tank 108 B (4,678 USG), used for lube oil storage.

B. Project 2:
- B. 1. Disposal of tank 107 C (23,000 USG), after cleaning and replacement with a new shop fabricated tank of similar size/dimension to fit the available foundation base;
- B. 2. Disposal tank 108 B (4,678 USG), after cleaning;
- B. 3. Disposal tank 101 A and 102 (588,000 USG each), after cleaning if upon inspection it is not Economically viable to repair the tank.

RFP Deadlines and Highlights:

- Proposal Submission - **One (1) original and Six (6) hard copies** must be submitted in a seal envelope marked **"CUC-RFP- 10-031 "TANK CLEANING & REPLACEMENT POWER PLANT NO. 1"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, Room No.4, 3rd Floor Joeten Dandan, P.O.Box 501220, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **July 23, 2010 at 10:00 AM, (CHST) local time.** A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email to Manuel B. Sablan, Jr., Procurement & Supply Manager at email msablan@cucgov.net or alternately include a CD with each copy of the submission. Late submissions will not be considered.
- The Scope-of-Work will be **e-mailed** upon request, to all interested Offerors, by the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, during working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.), Monday thru Friday, except government observed holidays, **until July, 14, 2010.**
- A Pre-proposal Conference followed by a Site Visit will be held on **July 01, 2010 at 9:30 AM** CUC Power Plant No. 1 Administration Building, Lower Base, Saipan.
- Submission of questions and clarifications must be submitted in writing via email no later than 10:00 AM (CHST) local time on **July 16, 2010** to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Procurement and Supply Manager via email msablan@cucgov.net; Mr. William Sword, Technical Manager for Oil, via email sword.william@gmail.com and Mr. Venugopal Prabhakara, Managing Engineer, Power generation, via email venu@cucgov.net. CUC will respond to any questions and clarifications only to prospective Offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.
- A Bid Guarantee of 15 percent of the total proposal price must accompany the proposal. A Performance and Payment bond of hundred (100%) percent each of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful Offeror.

Contract/s will be awarded to the most responsive Offeror, as adjudged by the Source Selection Committee (SSC). CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the Request for Proposal in the best interest of the government.

/s/ **ABE UTU MALAE**
Acting Executive Director

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EDITORIAL

Running out of reasons to remain in Afghanistan

The firing of Gen. Stanley McChrystal was a foregone conclusion after he publicly disparaged the president. The better question is why U.S. forces are in Afghanistan at all.

The United States was not attacked by Afghanistan, but by a band of terrorists trained at a private camp there. The NATO occupation is based on the assumption that if the Taliban return to power, they will invite al-Qaida to set up another camp.

The Taliban's goal is to put Afghanistan under religious law, with themselves administering it. To do that, they need to be left alone, and if they want that, they cannot permit an al-Qaeda camp, which would likely trigger an American response.

So why can't America exit this budget-busting war and bring our soldiers home? Let them have their religious state.

The defenders of the war offer weak and unconvincing answers. For example, *The Economist*, the London-based magazine, gives three reasons in its June 24 issue why the United States and the United Kingdom cannot bring their troops home.

First is that Afghanistan would be "vulnerable to a civil war that would suck in the local powers including Iran, Pakistan, India and Russia." In other words, if America gets out of the killing zone other countries will go in, therefore America should stay in. And that makes no sense.

The Economist's second reason not to leave is that it "would be a humiliation for the West." We remember hearing that argument when U.S. forces were hip deep in Vietnam. Withdrawal would hurt American "prestige." It would make America look weak.

In fact, what made America weak was the war, draining us in treasure and blood. Exiting Vietnam helped America get its strength back—especially its military strength.

The magazine's final reason for remaining stuck in Afghanistan is that "having invaded their country, the West has a duty to return it to them in a half-decent state."

We would put a period after "them." Never mind about making Afghanistan decent. That is up to the Afghans.

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Cut spending, raise revenue

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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It was the usual trip to Puntan Muchot at dawn to take in the healthy salt spray swirling in the tranquil lagoon. I relished the quieting calm of its relaxing ambiance while listening to the soft landing of tiny waves against the golden shore. How refreshing the echo of white doves whistling in the heavens, taking full view of everything below it, gliding effortless in the blue skies. This must be the calm before the storm.

Took a quick glance at the headline and subhead that trumpets: "American Cities Teeter on Brink of Bankruptcy, Economic downturn, Mounting Debt Push Cities to the Brink." Some city governments have terminated all of its employees and contracted services to private firms. The early dawn storm has begun beginning with bankruptcy across city and state governments nationwide.

It's unbelievable the billions of dollars owed by these governments that warrant active cuts in spending habits. Help from the federal government isn't forthcoming either and not for as long as deficit spending is perpetuated with the usual picnic attitude. The NMI faces the same challenge. It needs to shore up revenue losses to the tune of over a billion plus dollars in the short term. Otherwise, the search for more funds would be an exercise in futility.

What's the likelihood of rebuilding the bridge of confidence on investments that buckled on its knees in recent past? There's guarded hope and nothing seems to be in sight other than the sigh of despair every which way you turn. But most troubling is the apparent lackadaisical attitude to let it slide of its own accord right into the cliff of doom. We're in for a long ride with bankruptcy, like it or not. It's mind boggling how we've treated the worsening trip Deep South like business usual in unusual times.

Then I heard footsteps approaching, a strange noise at early dawn, coupled by a nagging drip from water rolling off buddy Magoo's wet shorts and shaggy ripped shirts. He had his coconut frond basket tied to his right side, a binocular on his left. I was like, "Wow, this guy's ready to take on the problems of the entire global village!"

After collecting the fish from his net, Magoo would raise his binocular and look out into dark clouds, sighing. I reminded him that his fish are in the lagoon, not out in the horizon. He must begin by trailing juvenile fish close to the shore.

He laughed and said, "With negative cross economic currents spiraling downwards to zero sum at the bottom, I wanted to see if there are investors out there threatening to brave entering the Tanapag Harbor." He added, "My uncle who recently filed for Chapter 11 said, 'Even monkey business' is good business these days." (Laughter)

"How true, three fish in boat is a sure thing over the millions of tuna in schools behind your boat," he related. "It's time we begin endogenous investments (investing in our own people) so we begin the long journey into their establishments and steady refinement." A thoughtful suggestion we've missed for over 60 years.

"Institutional investments from Japan is history," I reminded my buddy. "Japan has a huge public debt to contend with as the G-20 watches how it deals with details on deficit reduction plans over the long term. Japan's debt is as large as its GDP."

"What about South Korea and China, can't they engage with investment capital in the islands?" he asked.

"SK is trying to return to economic normalcy while China must deal with serious employee strikes demanding better wages." The answers are right here at home if only we can detach ourselves from the usual mindset that only exogenous investors could make a difference here. Ours, if done right, could work including absorbing challenges that come with the commitment to allow endogenous assimilation in entrepreneurship.

Japan is a good example of employees taking sacrifices to ensure the survival of companies that feeds them. Employees take pay cuts and other cuts in perks, including paid annual vacations, to allow the company room to turn the tide of losses imposed by bad economic times.

By the time I was done with my morning calisthenics, my buddy has filled his coconut frond basket with juvenile fish. We parted, smiling at the discussion we just had that morning as though we have, in fact, resolved the problems of paradise using fully analyzed research work we've reduced to casual conversation. Must have its genesis in the air of bankruptcy that has engulfed these isles. Must cut spending while building new revenue streams, today.

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Yes, there are even MORE Jamaicans on Saipan!

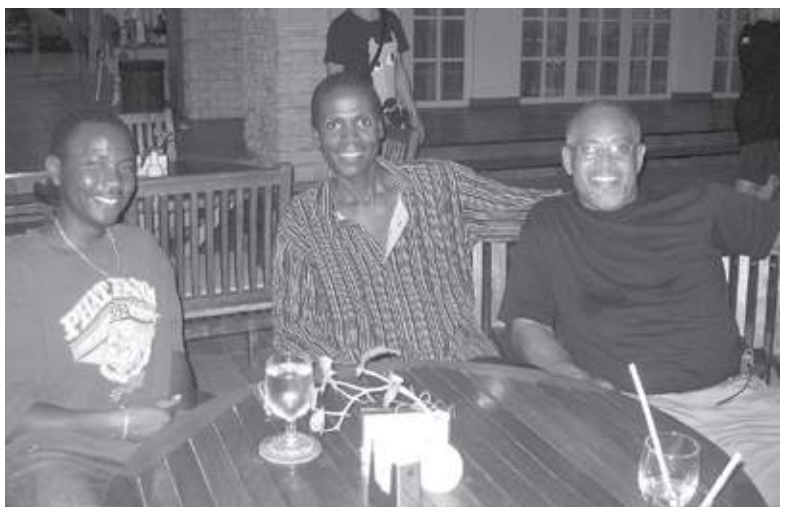
Enough to form a political party? You decide.

Prelude

As I sat in the lobby of the Saipan World Resort on the island of Saipan, the young lady I was waiting for walked in. She is a new arrival on the island and had been referred to me to get my advice and tips on finding an apartment. As she approached, I noticed a man walking a few steps behind her. Had they arrived together? Was this the "friend" she had mentioned she would bring to our meeting? *He looks like someone I've seen before*, I thought to myself. He did in, fact, look an awful lot like a guy I knew a long time ago, but….naw, it couldn't be. That was a long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away. As he approached the table, he broke into an all-too familiar smile…

Small World!

Eight thousand miles, five former lives, and 19 years ago, I was known as "Sir Walt," the reggae deejay on WKCR-FM in New York. One of my regular guests, a fellow named Wayne Wright, was founder and lead singer of Abeng, a reggae group who would visit the station to promote their music. Shortly after I left the station, I started managing his group, and he and I and another partner formed Strata Records, a reggae record label. *(This was even before the music industry Tale from the Walt Vault episode in last week's column)*



The Pilot, the Passionpreneur and the Performer. Ron McFarlane, Walt Goodridge and Wayne Wright, Jamaicans on Saipan.

Wayne was my first mentor in the music industry, and I learned a lot about managing artists, music production, touring logistics, and much more. I designed his album cover, and even got to participate in doing background vocals during the studio session for the lead track on his CD! (www.mp3.com/abeng). Eventually, however, we went our separate ways, and I went on to start my own label, and Wayne and I lost touch with each other. That is, until Monday night, when he sauntered in to the lobby of the World Resort on Saipan behind a woman I had never met.

Another?

Wayne and Shelli, Saipan's newest resident, had met at Godfather's Bar a few nights before. Once she discovered he was Jamaican, she mentioned that she had heard rumors there were *three* (yes, count 'em), three other Jamaicans on the island—two pilots and one writer.

"He used to be an engineer," she told Wayne, about the writer.

"I know a few Jamaican engineers," Wayne said.

"This one is now a writer," Shelli replied.

"I know a Jamaican engineer who wanted to be writer," he said.

"What's his name?"

"Walt," she replied.

"Waitaminit! What's his last name???"

Google was consulted for verification, and after the what-a-small-world-amazement phase, stories were shared, and they devised a plot to set up a meeting to surprise me!

And, boy, was I surprised! Once I got over my own shock, Wayne and I spent the evening reminiscing, catching up on the whereabouts and exploits of friends, band members, and business partners and played a reunion game of table tennis *(FYI: never "ping pong" when speaking to a real Jamaican)* which, um, I won. Sorry, Wayne!

In one of his own former lives, Wayne had been an electrical engineer for Bell Labs, and is now doing consulting for a regional telecom company, and had already been here for three weeks. But his passion for music is still strong. I'm told he already picked up a guitar and did a little impromptu performance a few nights ago at a local club here on island.

Since his original CD was released years before the Internet took off, I've encouraged him to use some of the tools and strategies I've mentioned in this column (See "The Case for Createspace" *Saipan Tribune*, March 24, 2010) to reissue his "Unconquer-rebel" CD. You can give him an incentive by pre-ordering at JamaicanonSaipan.com/abeng.

And another!

And then, "it" happened. While hanging out in the hotel lobby, we were joined by the *other* Jamaican on Saipan, Ron McFarlane, a pilot for Freedom Air. Now, by "it" I mean, at that moment in time, in the lobby of a Saipan hotel, I dare say there were more Jamaicans convened in one spot than have ever gathered in all of Micronesia! I would even go further to suggest that, with four of us in a population of 60,000, that there are more Jamaicans per capita (per person) on Saipan than anywhere else in the world outside of Jamaica itself! Now, please don't ask me to prove any of this. This is simply the nationalistic, self-glorifying, hyperbole for which Jamaicans are famous. In other words, "a jus' so we stay!" [translation: that's just how we are"] As a footnote, Cardiff Walker, Freedom Air's other Jamaican pilot didn't make the rally. (He apparently didn't get the telepathic memo.)

Yes, it was an historic moment in the ongoing saga of Jamaican domination of the world! (Same thing we do, every night, Pinky!)

THE SAIPANPRENEUR PROJECT

Creating economic success for the CNMI

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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We Jamaicans may not be as evenly distributed across the planet as Filipinos and Chinese, but every corner and crevice on the planet has at least one Jamaican representing our island. So, to have FOUR in a place as remote and small as Saipan can only mean one thing: a bid for governor is next!

The Point

Which brings me to the point of this article: If you'd like to encourage the rise in political power here in the CNMI of the world's most ambitious, adaptable, skillful, creative, musically and otherwise endowed, sexiest national group of people, then do the following:

1. Thank the next Jamaican you meet for Bob Marley, reggae, Rastafarianism, Colin Powell, Harry Belafonte, Notorious B.I.G., Grace Jones, Tyson Beckford, Usain Bolt, as well as the pineapple* or any other plant you see fit to be thankful for *[*the pineapple was brought to Hawaii in the 1700s by Captain Bligh; search "captain bligh" on smithsonianmag.com]*

2. If you meet Wayne Wright about the island before he leaves this weekend, say in a bar or club, put a guitar in his hands and force him to sing a song or two!

3. If YOU are Jamaican on Saipan and haven't been counted in my unofficial census, feel free to check in with me, and finally,

4. Come election time, check your ballot for "Jamaican for Governor," and let's do the right thing! Yes, we can!

We now return to our regular series of business topics….next week!

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Note: Fans and followers of the book, *Jamaican on Saipan*, may order a copy on jamaicanonsaipan.com.

Note: Ever wanted to direct your friends and family to a set of websites that revealed the best things about Saipan? Do what I do: send them to www.bestofsaipan.com!

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Until next week, remember, success is a journey, not a destination!

Send article suggestions, entrepreneur nominations and feedback about this article to walt@passionprofit.com.

Letters to the Editor

On House Bill 17-82: Pawnbroker Improvement Act

Rep. Frederick P. Deleon Guerrero
Seventeenth Northern Marianas
House of Representatives

The Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council commends your valor and effort at strengthening the existing statute on pawn brokering, in order "to prevent abuse, overreaching and the commission or concealment of a crime" in exchange "for lending of money on the security of pledges or deposits of personal property given the lender." As you are aware, your Saipan council has established the neighborhood watch program in villages on Saipan whose mission closely aligns with the intent of HB 17-82.

In addition to the waiting/holding period as proposed in the original amendment herein, the council respectfully requests you to include the Department of Public Safety (DPS) through the Commissioner as a recipient of information regularly provided to the Secretary of Commerce in 4 CMC § 5643(d).

Including DPS in the pawnbroker intelligence loop is critical not only in the early interdiction, detection and resolution of property crimes, but police access to the information as a matter of policy also serves as a deterrent in the commission or concealment of this type of crime. With the amendment we propose in 4 CMC § 5643(d) would make it a duty of the pawn shop licensee to provide the Commissioner of Public Safety relevant and timely intelligence that could facilitate expeditious resolution of past and future property crimes.

For this reason, we recommend that 4 CMC § 5643(d) be amended to delete the word department in lieu of the Department of Commerce and the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety as follows:

"5643. Duty to Record and Report Transactions.

(d) Each licensee shall file a monthly report with the ~~department~~ Secretary of the Department of Commerce and the Commissioner of Public Safety, showing such information as the two departments may reasonably require concerning the licensee's business and operations during the preceding month. The Department of Commerce ~~department~~ shall issue an annual report therefrom. The Department of Commerce ~~department~~ shall impose a late penalty fee of five dollars per day for any monthly report that is not received by the fifth day of the month following the month in which the report is due."

To this end, we encourage the members of the 17th Legislature to swiftly pass this bill as amended not only "to prevent abuse, overreaching and the commission or concealment of a crime" in exchange "for lending of money on the security of pledges or deposits of personal property given the lender", but also to resolve longstanding unresolved cases involving property.

The council stands ready to discuss this proposed amendment. Simply contact your council office at 664-2700 for Ms. Frances Muna to make the necessary arrangement.

Ramon Blas Camacho
Chairman, 11th Saipan & Northern Islands Municipal Council

Clarification

This letter is in response to the article, "Bike Trails 4: The graffiti in Kilili," which appeared in the June 25, 2010 edition of the *Saipan Tribune*.

Mr. Vergara made statements which are inaccurate in regards to the recycling bins which were vandalized at Kilili Beach park, to wit:

"…the office of the congressman, deciding swiftly to apply a new coat of paint…"

Please note that the Mariana Islands Nature Alliance, not the office of the congressman, is responsible for the ongoing repair and maintenance of all bins throughout the island. MINA is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to conserve and restore the array of habitats that sustains our natural biodiversity and heritage for today and tomorrow.

"Defacing public property on Saipan…"

The bins are part of MINA's Marine Debris Prevention program, which aims to help reduce debris on Saipan's shores and ocean and to help protect marine habitats that are at risk as a result.

The Marine Debris Prevention program is funded by a grant from NOAA, and provides bins at the following locations: Wing Beach, Garapan Fishing Basin, 13 Fishermen's Monument, Kilili Park, Susupe Park, Sugar Dock, Laolao dive site and picnic area, and Obyan Beach.

To learn more about the Marine Debris Prevention Program or to become a member of MINA, visit www.minapacific.org for more detailed information.

Sam Sablan
MINA executive director

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers and a slight chance of afternoon thunderstorms. East winds 5 to 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. A slight chance of afternoon thunderstorms.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. A slight chance of afternoon thunderstorms.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. A slight chance of afternoon thunderstorms.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼78
Palau	Showers	▲85	▼78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼77
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼77
Pohnpei	Showers	▲87	▼76
Kosrae	Showers	▲88	▼78
Majuro	Rain	▲85	▼78

Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲59	▼49
Beijing	Cloudy	▲89	▼75
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲87	▼81
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲86	▼74
London	Partly Cloudy	▲78	▼59
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲75	▼61
Manila	Thundershowers	▲89	▼82
Melbourne	Showers	▲50	▼45
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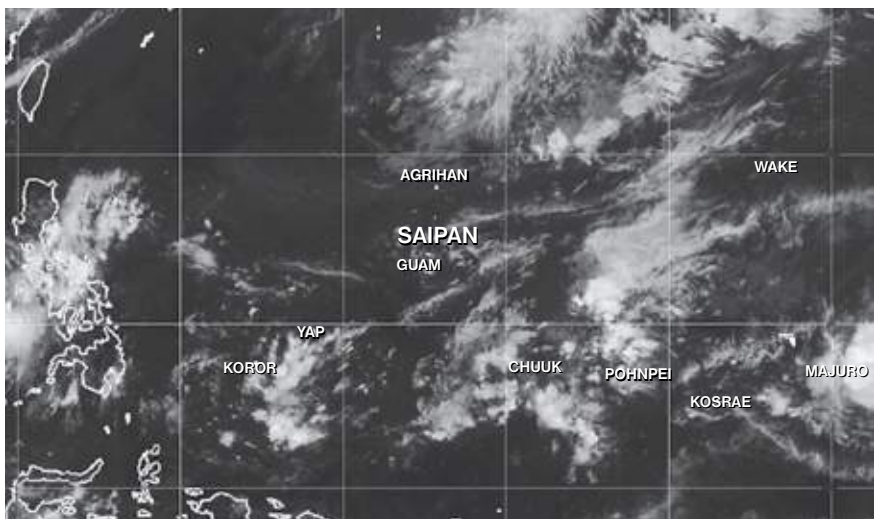
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲91	▼61
Osaka	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼74
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼63
Pusan	Thundershowers	▲78	▼71
Rome	Sunny	▲87	▼66
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲72	▼48
San Francisco	Sunny	▲68	▼53
Seoul	Rain	▲83	▼71
Tokyo	Thundershowers	▲84	▼74
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲93	▼64

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, JUNE 29, 2010
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

An upper-level trough extends southwestward from 25N156E through an upper-level low southeast of the Marianas centered near 13N147E to end near Yap. Upper-level divergence southeast of these features is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms southeast of Minami Tori Shima within 80 miles of a line from 20N152E to 25N161E east of the Marianas between 14N and 10N from 153E to 159E and northwest of Chuuk between 11N and 7N from 146E to 151E. A surface trough extends southward from 10N137E to 1N137E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found east of Koror between 9N and 2N from 134E to 138E. Another surface trough east of the Marshall Islands stretches southward from 11N173E to 4N173E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found over Majuro between 11N and 5N from 170E to 180. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers south of Chuuk within 70 miles of a line from 3N144E to 6N152E to 3N157E and over Pohnpei between 10N and 6N from 154E to 159E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

4:29 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.1 Feet
9:00 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
4:20 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet
11:17 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:50 AM	6:51 PM
Thursday	5:50 AM	6:51 PM
Friday	5:51 AM	6:51 PM
Saturday	5:51 AM	6:51 PM
Sunday	5:51 AM	6:51 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	9:33 PM	8:45 AM
Thursday	10:08 PM	9:32 AM
Friday	10:43 PM	10:18 AM
Saturday	11:17 PM	11:04 AM
Sunday	11:53 PM	11:51 AM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 27, 2010

DEPARTURES

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM

C09597	5:00am	5:30am	1, 5

SAIPAN-GUAM

C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	Daily
C09605	6:35pm	7:25pm	Daily
C09599	9:35pm	10:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	5:55am	8:35am	Daily
DL297	3:35pm	6:15pm	Daily
DL289	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ604	2:20am	6:10am	1
OZ604	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ606	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

CZ3008	3:30am	6:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ604/701	2:20am	11:25am	1 via ICN
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OZ606/703	2:20am	11:00pm	1 via ICN
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OZ608/705	3:20am	12:10am+1	1, 5 via PUS
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SAIPAN-HONG KONG

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C09603/909	3:05am	9:30pm	1, 5 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM-ROTA (ROP)

C09598	6:30pm	7:00pm	4, 7

GUAM-SAIPAN

C09316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
C09596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily
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C09604	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
C09606	8:10pm	9:00pm	Daily

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL290	10:00am	2:35pm	Daily
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OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ605	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ603	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
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SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

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GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

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OZ704/605	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
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OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
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PR110/C09596	10:00pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
C0892/9596	10:10pm	7:50am+1	3,5 via GUM-Palau
C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	Daily via GUM

HONG KONG-SAIPAN

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Guam–Rota			
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Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
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FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

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Free symposium to highlight Tinian role in Manhattan Project

So what really happened to the atomic bombs on Tinian in the days, weeks, and months before they were dropped over Hiroshima and Nagasaki?

These and more will be answered in a free historical symposium that will be held at the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino on Aug. 5, 2010.

Called the "Manhattan Project and Tinian: An Educational Symposium and Memorial," it will feature presentations by Dr. Roger Meade, who served as the Los Alamos National Laboratory archivist-historian for 25 years; Dr. Anderson Giles of the University of Maine; Nancy Bartlit, an oral historian and past president of the Los Alamos Historical Society; James Stewart Petersen, founder and president of the Historic Wendover Airfield Foundation; and John Coster-Mullen, author of the book *Atom Bombs: The Top Secret Inside Storey of Little Boy and Fat Man*.

The symposium will be followed by a dinner banquet that will be keynoted by Air Gen. Howie Chandler, USAF, Vice Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force in Washington, D.C., and Rear Admiral Paul J. Bushong, commander of the U.S. Naval Forces Marianas and Joint Region Marianas.

Tinian and Aguiguan Mayor Ray Dela Cruz is urging the entire CNMI public to attend this free symposium.

"Thanks to support from the CNMI Council for the Humanities," said Dela Cruz, "we are able to bring some experts in the history of the Manhattan Project to Tinian. Finally, we will learn what really happened with the atomic bombs on Tinian.

Dela Cruz emphasized that this is not a discussion on the "rightness" or "wrongness" of the bomb, but rather an opportunity to discover the truth about how and why Tinian was used as the launch pad of atomic warfare.

"All my life I have heard stories about the bomb pits and the bombs," he said. "Finally, I will get to here the truth, right here on Tinian, from people who really know."

There is no entrance fee for the symposium. The buffet and dinner meals, which include speakers, can be purchased for $20 at the registration desk, or online with the Tinian Dynasty Hotel at tdh.resvn@pticom.com.

"As mayor of Tinian, I invite all those interested in the subject of the atomic bombs assembled on Tinian to attend the symposium and learn from some of America's best historians on the subject.

"Please do also join us for the memorial ceremony at the North Field historical monument on Aug. 6. We will respect all those who died in the Pacific War with a moment of silence and a wreath-laying at 0915." ***(PR)***

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, Aug. 5, 2010

Site: Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino Ballroom

- 7:30: Registration opens at Dynasty Information Desk
- 8:30: Welcoming remarks in the Dynasty Hotel ballroom
- 8:45: Opening remarks by Don Farrell: "Tinian: March 1945"
- 9:00: Presentation by Dr. Roger Meade: "The creation of the Los Alamos Laboratory."
  Dr. Meade served as the Los Alamos National Laboratory Archivist-Historian for twenty-five years. His publications include Critical Assembly, Science in the National Interest, and numerous articles including pieces on Operation Crossroads, William S. Parsons, J. Robert Oppenheimer, and other topics related to the history of Los Alamos National Laboratory. Current research interests include the conversion of the community of Los Alamos from a federal reservation to a true public community, the history of radiochemistry at the Laboratory, and the history of nuclear weapon testing in the Marshall Islands.
- 10:30: Coffee break
- 10:45: Presentation by Dr. Anderson Giles: "The 509th Composite Bombardment Group."
  Professor Giles teaches at the University of Maine. His father served with the 4th Marine Division on Saipan and Tinian. He is the creator and director of two feature-length documentaries: Thunder from Tinian and Echoes from the Apocalypse, Tinian: 60 Years Later.
- 11:45: Lunch buffet is served in the ballroom.
  Lunch speaker: Nancy Bartlit: "The Growth of Los Alamos."
  Bartlit is an oral historian and lecturer approved by the New Mexico Humanities Council. She is past president of the Los Alamos Historical Society and serves on the county's historic districts advisory board, chaired the historic sculptures committee, and promotes a Manhattan Project National Historical Park, which would include Tinian Island. She is co-author of Silent Voices of World War II: When Sons of the Land of Enchantment [New Mexico] Met Sons of the Land of the Rising Sun [Japan].
- 14:00: Presentation by James Petersen, "Wendover Field: Home of the 509th."
  James Stewart Petersen received his M.S.E.E. from the University of Utah. He worked on US Air Force projects in the 1970's including airborne computer design, fire control systems, remotely piloted aircraft communication systems and U-2 projects. Jim is Founder and President of the Historic Wendover Airfield Foundation and is leading efforts to preserve the Wendover airfield's WW II properties that housed the 509th and the Enola Gay before they went to Tinian.
- 15:00: Break
- 15:15: Presentation by John Coster-Mullen: "Little Boy and Fat Man." John Coster-Mullen's book Atom Bombs: The Top Secret Inside Storey of Little Boy and Fat Man is considered the source for information on the two atomic bombs that were used in World War II.
- 16:30: Book signings (No host bar)
- 18:30: Symposium Dinner Banquet at the Broadway Restaurant
  Guest speakers: General "Howie" Chandler, USAF and Rear Admiral Paul J. Bushong

Friday, Aug. 6, 2010

Memorial Ceremony, North Field, Tinian

- 8:30: Presentation of Colors, invocation, welcoming remarks
- 9:15: Taps: A Moment of Silence
- 9:20: Remarks: Mayor of Tinian, Admiral Bushong, Lt. Colonel Crisostomo, USA
- 10:00: Wreath-laying ceremony, with Gov. Benigno Fitial, Mayor of Tinian, Admiral Bushong, Lt. Colonel Crisostomo
- 10:30: Benediction and Retiring of Colors

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

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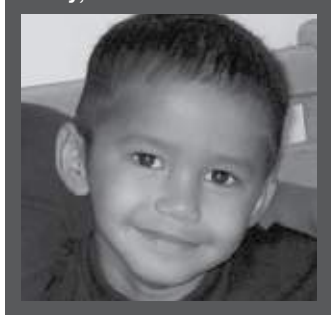
Happy 6th birthday to our rock star, Alyson, who is celebrating her special day today, June 30.



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Happy birthday to Joven Reyes who is celebrating his 7th birthday today. Enjoy your special day with many blessings. We love you! Greetings come from your families.

CLARISSA DAVID

Happy 32nd birthday to Chan Mahato! Greetings from your Aqua Resort Club family.

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- **Washer:** (1) Coin Operated, Whirlpool
  Model: CA2751XYWO, SN: CH2155987
  Located: Pacific Gardenia Hotel
- **Dryer: (2)** Coin Operated, Speed Queen Commercial
  Model: EE5111WF, SN: S6491205YMU
  Located: Pacific Gardenia Hotel
- **Safe:** (1) Hase
  Dimensions: H71"x W41"x D25"
  Located: CDA Office
- **Signs:** Poker signs
  Located: CDA Office

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2. The items are being sold **WITHOUT WARRANTY** of any type;
3. The public auction will be held at the **CDA Conference Room** on **Friday, July 23, 2010 at 2p.m.**
4. Full payment is required before items can be removed from the premises; and buyer is responsible for removing purchased items;
5. Terms of the sale are cash, credit card (MC and Visa) or certified check; and
6. CDA reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to withdraw this notice and postpone the sale.

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Business

Tropical storm could disrupt oil spill cleanup

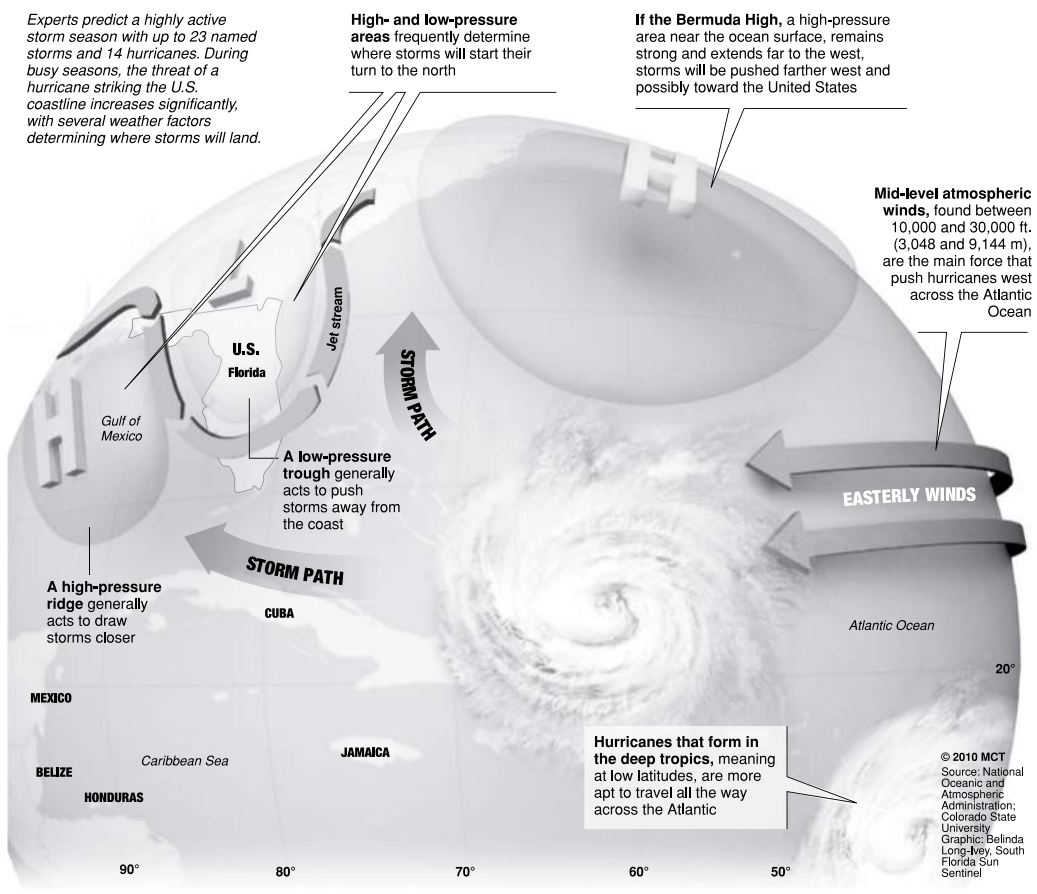
NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Tropical Storm Alex steamed across the Gulf of Mexico on Monday on a path that could keep it away from BP's busted well but could still stir up heavy winds, rain and choppy seas that drive the oil deeper inland and bring much of the cleanup to a standstill.

By midweek, boats skimming the sludge from the water may have to return to port for their own safety, and the floating oil-containment booms could be rendered useless by waves slopping over them and may have to be pulled out of the water.

The upside is that the storm could stay far enough away that BP will not have to abandon its efforts to capture much of the crude spewing from the sea floor. Nor is the storm expected to interrupt BP's drilling of a relief well, considered the best hope of plugging the leak.

"We are watching very, very closely," said Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen, the government's point man on the crisis. "As it stands right now, absent the intervention of a hurricane, we're still looking at mid-August" for completing the relief well. Earlier Monday, a BP executive said the well would be done by early August.

Still, Alex—expected to reach hurricane force by the time it hits land near the Mexico-Texas border, possibly Thursday—is giving new urgency to BP's efforts to make its operations at the well as hurricane-resistant as possible.


Hurricane strike risk
Experts predict a highly active storm season with up to 23 named storms and 14 hurricanes. During busy seasons, the threat of a hurricane striking the U.S. coastline increases significantly, with several weather factors determining where storms will land.
High- and low-pressure areas frequently determine where storms will start their turn to the north
If the Bermuda High, a high-pressure area near the ocean surface, remains strong and extends far to the west, storms will be pushed farther west and possibly toward the United States
Mid-level atmospheric winds, found between 10,000 and 30,000 ft. (3,048 and 9,144 m), are the main force that push hurricanes west across the Atlantic Ocean
U.S.
Florida
Jet stream
STORM PATH
Gulf of Mexico
A low-pressure trough generally acts to push storms away from the coast
EASTERLY WINDS
STORM PATH
A high-pressure ridge generally acts to draw storms closer
CUBA
Atlantic Ocean
20°
MEXICO
Caribbean Sea
JAMAICA
BELIZE
HONDURAS
Hurricanes that form in the deep tropics, meaning at low latitudes, are more apt to travel all the way across the Atlantic
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90°
80°
70°
60°
50°

The company said it hopes to install a new oil-capturing system by next week that would allow BP to disconnect the equipment faster if a hurricane threatens and hook it back up quickly after the storm passes. Right now, BP would need five days to pull out if there is a hurricane. The new system being developed, which uses a flexible hose, would cut that to two days.

And if there was a hurricane, it could shut down the drilling operation for up to two weeks, Allen said.

The containment system now in place is capturing nearly 1 million gallons per day from the well, which is spewing as much as 2.5 million gallons a day, according to the government's worst-case estimate. If the equipment had to be removed because of a storm, oil would gush full force into the ocean again.

In other developments, BP said in a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission that the catastrophe has cost it $2.65 billion so far. The oil giant has also said it would set up a $20 billion fund to compensate people and businesses for their losses. BP has lost more than $100 billion in market value since the deep-water drilling platform it was operating blew up April 20, killing 11 workers.

The company also strongly denied reports in the Russian media that the company's CEO, Tony Hayward, is stepping down. Hayward has made a string of gaffes that have angered politicians and Gulf Coast residents.

Meanwhile, Alex was swirling through the Gulf with winds of 60 mph. It was expected to become a hurricane Tuesday, and could have winds as high as 120 mph by Wednesday.

Interest rates fall again on investor pessimism

NEW YORK (AP)—A darkening view of the economy sent bond market interest rates to their lowest level in 14 months and kept many investors out of the stock market.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note, considered a benchmark because it's used to set rates on consumer loans including mortgages, fell to 3.03 percent Monday, its lowest point since late April 2009. At that time, the markets were still recovering from the devastation of the financial crisis and collapse in stocks.

Investors felt safer making their bets in the bond market and many avoided any kind of stock trades. All the major stock indexes fell by single digits. The New York Stock Exchange traded less than a billion shares on its selling floor, a number that's more likely to be seen in August or late December than in June.

Treasurys benefited from investors' growing gloom. The latest bit of bad economic news came from the Commerce Department, which said consumers saved more than they spent last month. The government said consumer spending rose 0.2 percent last month, just above the 0.1 percent growth forecast by economists polled by Thomson Reuters. However, personal income rose 0.4 percent.

Democrats, again, look for 60 votes for bank bill

WASHINGTON(AP)—A sweeping overhaul of financial regulations faced new obstacles in the Senate on Monday—the loss of one and potentially more crucial votes to guarantee its passage.

The death of Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., and new misgivings by Republican senators who previously supported the legislation put the bill's fate in doubt. Democrats scrambled to secure votes for one of President Barack Obama's top priorities.

Last month, 61 senators backed an original Senate version of the bill; only four of them were Republicans.

On Monday, three of them—Scott Brown of Massachusetts and Susan Collins and Olympia Snowe of Maine—complained about a $19 billion fee on large banks and hedge funds that House and Senate negotiators added to the bill last week to pay for the cost of the legislation.

With Byrd's death, Democrats can't afford to lose any votes to overcome the 60-vote procedural hurdles that could defeat the legislation.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

US alleges $105M Ponzi scheme in Virgin Islands

CHARLOTTE AMALIE, U.S. Virgin Islands (AP)—A Virgin Islands-based financial manager ran a $105 million Ponzi scheme that defrauded 400 investors by falsely claiming to invest in foreign currencies, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission charged Monday.Daniel Spitzer, 51, invested only a fraction of the money he received from investors and channeled much of the rest into offshore bank accounts, the SEC said in a civil fraud complaint. It said he used the siphoned-off cash to pay off early investors to keep the scheme going as well as to provide himself with a lavish lifestyle that included spending nearly $1 million at a Las Vegas casino. The office of Spitzer's Kenzie Financial Management Inc. office in St. Thomas recently closed down and the phone has been disconnected. It was not immediately known if Spitzer had an attorney, and a lawyer who represented him in a previous fraud case did not immediately return a phone call seeking comment.

Oil falls below $78 as hurricane fears ease

SINGAPORE (AP)—Oil prices fell below $78 a barrel Tuesday in Asia on signs Tropical Storm Alex would likely miss most of the rigs in the Gulf of Mexico, leaving supplies undisrupted. Benchmark crude for August delivery was down 53 cents to $77.72 a barrel at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract fell 61 cents to settle at $78.25 on Monday. Alex gained strength and appeared on track to become a hurricane Tuesday before it makes landfall very near the Mexico-U.S. border sometime late Wednesday, said the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami, Florida. The tropical storm's center wasn't expected to approach BP's massive oil spill off Louisiana's coast or the other major crude installations in the area, the center said.

Asian stocks edge up ahead of Japan, US data

TOKYO (AP)—Asian stock markets edged higher Tuesday as investors awaited a raft of key indicators including Japan's business confidence survey and U.S. jobs figures later in the week. Investors were reluctant to chase gains in lackluster Asian trading following a fall on Wall Street Monday. The Dow Jones industrial average lost 5.29 points, or 0.1 percent, to 10,138.52. Oil prices, meanwhile, were held above $78 a barrel. The dollar fell against the yen and the euro. Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 stock index gained 55.82 points, or 0.6 percent, to 9,749.76 and South Korea's Kospi rose 0.2 percent to 1,735.82. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 added 0.2 percent to 4,420.50. Elsewhere, Hong Kong's Hang Seng index shed 0.3 percent to 20,666.91. Markets in Malaysia, Singapore and Taiwan rose but the Shanghai Composite Index slipped 0.2 percent to 2,528.77.

Barnes & Noble 4Q loss widens on e-book push

NEW YORK (AP)—Barnes & Noble Inc.'s fiscal fourth-quarter loss widened as it invested in electronic book technology, the bookseller said Monday. The New York company also forecast first-quarter and full-year earnings below expectations as it plots aggressive moves into the small but fast-growing e-book market. The loss for the three months ended May totaled $32 million, or 58 cents per share. That compares with a loss of $2.7 million, or 5 cents per share, last year. The loss totaled 89 cents per share excluding a tax benefit of 25 cents per share and a benefit related to inventory of 7 cents per share. Analysts polled by Thomson Reuters, on average, predicted a loss of 81 cents per share. Analyst estimates typically exclude one-time items. Revenue rose 19 percent to $1.32 billion from $1.1 billion last year. Analysts expected revenue of $1.28 billion.

STOCK Portfolio

ASIAN MARKETS

AUSTRALIA	4,371.80	Down 37.90 (-0.86%)
HONG KONG	20,504.31	Down 222.37 (-1.07%)
JAKARTA	2,923.24	Down 32.49 (-1.10%)
TOKYO	9,553.80	Down 140.14 (-1.45%)
K. LUMPUR	1,326.29	Up 0.75 (+0.06%)
MANILA	3,372.71	Up 8.81 (+0.26%)
SINGAPORE	2,847.55	Down 22.44 (-0.78%)
SEOUL	1,704.78	Down 27.25 (-1.57%)
BANGKOK	801.49	Down 2.91 (-0.36%)

LEADING INDICATORS

DOW	10,138.52	-0.05%
S&P	1,074.57	-0.20%
NASDAQ	2,220.65	-0.13%

MONEY MARKET

Australian Dollar	1.1584
British Pound	0.6636
Canadian Dollar	1.0409
Chinese Yuan	6.7986
Euro	0.8166
Hong Kong Dollar	7.7846
Indian Rupee	46.5250
Indonesian Rupiah	9,0480.5000
Japanese Yen	88.7850
Malaysian Ringgit	3.2436
New Zealand Dollar	1.4265
Philippine Peso	46.4350
Singapore Dollar	1.3943
South Korean Won	1,202.3000
Swiss Franc	1.0840
Taiwan Dollar	32.1150
Thailand Baht	32.4100

In U.S. dollar terms

Source: Associated Press

Nation

10 alleged Russian secret agents arrested in US

WASHINGTON (AP)—The FBI has arrested 10 people for allegedly serving for years as secret agents of Russia's intelligence organ, the SVR, with the goal of penetrating U.S. government policymaking circles.

According to court papers unsealed Monday, the FBI intercepted a message from SVR headquarters, Moscow Center, to two of the defendants describing their main mission as "to search and develop ties in policymaking circles in US." Intercepted messages showed they were asked to learn about a broad swath of topics including nuclear weapons, U.S. arms control positions, Iran, White House rumors, CIA leadership turnover, the last presidential election, the Congress and political parties.

After a secret multiyear investigation, the Justice Department announced the arrests Monday in a blockbuster spy case that could rival the capture of Soviet Col. Rudolf Abel in 1957 in New York.

There was no clue in initial court papers how successful the agents had been but they were alleged to have been long-term, deep cover spies, some living as couples. These deep-cover agents are the hardest spies for the FBI to catch because they take civilian jobs with no visible connection to a foreign government, rather than operating from government jobs inside Russian embassies and military missions. Abel was just such a deep cover agent; he was ultimately swapped to the Soviet Union for downed U-2 spy pilot Francis Gary Powers in 1962.

The court papers described a new high-tech spy-to-spy communications system used by the defendants: short-range wireless communications between laptop computers—a modern supplement for the old-style dead drop in a remote area, high-speed burst radio transmission or even the hollowed-out nickels used by Col. Abel to conceal and deliver microfilm.

Eight of 10 were arrested Sunday for allegedly carrying out long-term, deep-cover assignments in the United States on behalf of Russia.

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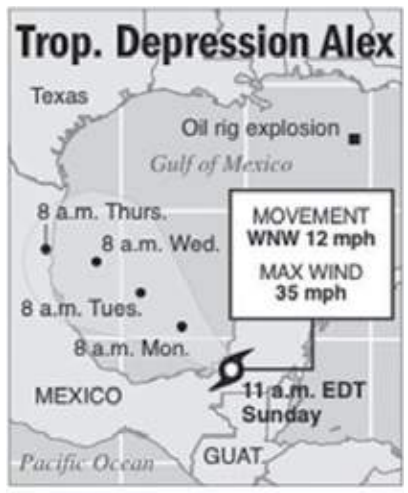
In this courtroom sketch, Anna Chapman, left, Vicky Pelaez, second from left, the defendant known as "Richard Murphy", center, the defendant known as "Cynthia Murphy", second from right, and the defendant known as "Juan Lazaro" are seen in Manhattan federal court in New York, Monday, June 28, 2010.

Hurricane warnings for Mexico, US as Alex grows

VILLAHERMOSA, Mexico (AP)—Hurricane warnings were posted Monday for a stretch of Gulf coast in southern Texas and northern Mexico as Tropical Storm Alex gained strength and appeared on track to become a hurricane before it makes landfall later this week.

Forecasters said the storm's path could push oil from the huge Gulf oil spill farther inland and disrupt cleanup efforts.

Alex was swirling through the Gulf of Mexico with winds near 65 mph (100 kph) Monday night on a path that would take it very near the Mexico-U.S. border sometime late Wednesday, said the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami, Florida. The storm is expected to become a hurricane Tuesday.



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Conditions late Monday afternoon led the center to believe the storm will be less powerful than previously predicted but still likely to gain hurricane strength, forecaster Todd Kimberlain said.

Tropical storm-force winds extended up to 70 miles (110 kilometers) from the storm's center, and Alex was moving toward the north near 5 mph (7 kph).

Heavy rains in Mexico's southern Gulf coast state of Tabasco forced the evacuation of about 300 families from communities near the Usumacinta river.

The hurricane warnings extend from Baffin Bay, Texas south across the mouth of the Rio Grande river to La Cruz, Mexico.

The tropical storm's center wasn't expected to approach the area of the oil spill off Louisiana's coast, said Stacy Stewart, senior hurricane specialist at the National Hurricane Center. But Alex's outer wind field could push oil from the spill farther inland and hinder operations in the area, Stewart said early Monday.

The hurricane center said Alex is expected to produce 5 to 10 inches of rainfall over portions of northeastern Mexico and southern Texas over the next few days. It warned of a dangerous storm surge along the coast near and to the north of where the storm makes landfall.

Alex caused flooding and mudslides that left at least five people dead in Central America over the weekend, though Belize and Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula appeared largely unscathed.

It made landfall in Belize on Saturday night as a tropical storm and weakened into a depression on Sunday as it crossed the Yucatan Peninsula.

W.Va. official: No fall election for Byrd's seat

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP)—The person who gets picked to fill the seat vacated by the death of Democratic U.S. Senator Robert C. Byrd won't have to face an election until 2012, a key decision for Democrats nationally trying to hold onto a slim majority in Congress after this November's elections.

State officials scrambled Monday—hours after Byrd died at age 92—to study election laws and a 1994 state Supreme Court ruling, and determined whomever Democratic Gov. Joe Manchin appoints will be able to serve out nearly all of the remainder of Byrd's six-year term, which ends after the 2012 elections.

Byrd had held the seat for 51 years, the country's longest-serving senator until his death.

Republicans wanted an election this fall when 36 Senate seats are already on the ballot, but they doubted they would challenge Secretary of State Natalie Tennant's decision.

Byrd

Byrd's death, coupled with new misgivings by Republican Sen. Scott Brown of Massachusetts, also complicated President Barack Obama's legislative agenda.

Byrd and Brown were among the 61 senators who had supported an original Senate version of a sweeping overhaul of the nation's financial regulations, but Brown said Monday he doesn't like $19 billion in new fees on large banks and hedge funds that were added to the legislation.

Without their votes on the final House-Senate version, Democrats have to scramble for the 60th vote needed to overcome Republican procedural obstacles that could defeat the bill. Byrd's death also complicates when the final Senate vote might occur. Lawmakers had hoped to send the bill to the White House before July 4 for President Barack Obama's signature.

Court lets Vatican-sex abuse lawsuit move forward

By RACHEL ZOLL
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A lawsuit against the Vatican that had been dismissed as a publicity stunt moved forward when the U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear an appeal from the Holy See. Monday's development represents a significant advance for what many believed to be a long-shot claim that the Vatican bears legal responsibility for molester priests.

The high court's decision not to stop the lawsuit means the clergy sex abuse case will go to trial in an Oregon district court.

"I have known for 25 years that all roads lead to Rome," said Jeff Anderson, the Minnesota attorney who represents the plaintiff. "This is the beginning for us of a new journey, a uniquely difficult odyssey."

Anderson, who has represented hundreds of abuse victims and has tried for years to sue the Vaitcan, said he hoped to persuade a judge that he should be allowed to depose Vatican officials.

Jeffrey Lena, the American attorney for the Holy See, argued the Vatican is not responsible for individual priests in dioceses, saying the existence of the priest in the case "was unknown to the Holy See until after all the events in question."

The original lawsuit, John V. Doe v. Holy See, was filed in 2002 by a Seattle-area man who said the Rev. Andrew Ronan repeatedly molested him in the late 1960s.

Anderson argues in the case that priests are Vatican employees for the purpose of American law. If the trial judge agrees, that would constitute an exception to the Foreign Sovereign Immunity Act, under which the Vatican has been immune from the jurisdiction of U.S. courts.

A lower court judge previously ruled there could be enough of a connection between the Holy See and Ronan for him to be considered a Vatican employee under Oregon law. That ruling was upheld by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

ACROSS THE NATION

Obama, activists to push on immigration reform

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama is enlisting activists and labor leaders in a push for comprehensive immigration legislation that will showcase Republican opposition and include a speech by the president. The strategy was discussed during a meeting Monday by a range of prominent labor leaders and activist groups. Participants said Obama reiterated his support for immigration legislation but noted the political realities that have stalled it in Congress. Latino leaders say they will work in coming months to pressure Republicans to give way and support an immigration bill—and make opponents pay at the ballot box if they don't. "We're going to make absolutely crystal clear who's at fault here," said Eliseo Medina, a leader of the Service Employees International Union.

Kagan pledges impartiality, restraint as justice

WASHINGTON (AP)—Elena Kagan pledged to be a model of impartiality and restraint as a Supreme Court justice as the Senate opened confirmation hearings Monday, but she still braced for a grilling by Republicans who suggest she'd let liberal views color her rulings. Breaking weeks of public silence since President Barack Obama nominated her to be the fourth woman in the court's history, Kagan called the Supreme Court "a wondrous institution" but one with limited powers under the Constitution. She billed herself as a consensus-builder for the ideologically polarized court and said she'd strive to emulate retiring Justice John Paul Stevens—the man she's been chosen to succeed—by "listening to each party with a mind as open as his ... to render impartial justice." The 50-year-old solicitor general and former Harvard Law School dean appeared on track for confirmation before the court opens a new term in October as she delivered her brief statement at the end of a day of senatorial speechmaking in a cavernous hearing room on Capitol Hill.

Justices extend gun owner rights nationwide

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Supreme Court held Monday that Americans have the right to own a gun for self-defense anywhere they live, expanding the conservative court's embrace of gun rights since John Roberts became Chief Justice. By a 5-4 vote, the justices cast doubt on handgun bans in the Chicago area, but signaled that some limitations on the Constitution's "right to keep and bear arms" could survive legal challenges. On its busy final day before a three-month recess, the court also ruled that a public law school can legally deny recognition to a Christian student group that won't let gays join, jumped into the nation's charged immigration debate by agreeing to review an employer sanctions law from Arizona and said farewell to Justice John Paul Stevens, who is retiring after more than 34 years.

Asia

Boxing star Pacquiao enters RP politics

ALABEL, Philippines (AP)—World boxing star Manny Pacquiao took his oath Monday as a Philippine congressman, bringing him into a political arena that he said seemed more daunting than boxing.

The 31-year-old Pacquiao, looking a bit uneasy in an elegant formal shirt and leather shoes, pledged before about 1,000 spectators in Alabel town in his southern Sarangani province to be a good, God-fearing civil servant.

"We can knock out any foe," Pacquiao said, promising people in his impoverished province a "new chapter of our history."

Talking to reporters later, Pacquiao said he was nervous that he could not accomplish much but he promised to try his best to ease the widespread poverty gripping his province, about 600 miles (1,000 kilometers) south of Manila.

"Entering politics is more daunting than boxing," he said.

It was a triumphant second try at local politics. He was soundly defeated when he first ventured into politics in a run for the powerful House of Representatives in 2007, but his worldwide profile has grown exponentially since then.

Aside from introducing bills during his three-year term in the House that would provide livelihood for farmers and fishermen and benefits for athletes, Pacquiao has promised to help build a university and a hospital for the poor in Sarangani.

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Filipino world boxing champion Manny Pacquiao takes his oath as congressman of the lone district of Sarangani province in formal ceremony Monday June 28, 2010 at Alabel township, Sarangani province in southern Philippines.

In a bid to show that he was serious at politics, Pacquiao recently took a 10-day crash course on legislation and governance at the Development Academy of the Philippines.

A former baker and construction worker born to a poor family, Pacquiao became an embodiment of a rags-to-riches story in the Philippines where one-third of the 90 million people live on less than $1 a day.

Worshipped as a hero for bringing glory to a country beset with poverty, armed conflicts and political strife, Pacquiao has said he was ready to enter the ring a few more times before hanging his gloves for good.

In a remarkable career to date, Pacquiao became the first boxer to win world titles in seven different weight divisions.

China says 107 people trapped in a landslide

BEIJING (AP)—Hundreds of distraught villagers huddled in tents Tuesday as rescuers searched for family members buried after a landslide trapped at least 107 people in rain-hit southwestern China.

But there appeared to be little hope for survival as rescue efforts were hindered by rain Tuesday morning, threatening to wash more mud down hill slopes.

Many homes were buried when the landslide struck the village of Dazhai in Guizhou province on Monday afternoon after days of rain, a resident helping in the rescue effort, Huang Pangzun, told The Associated Press by phone.

Makeshift tents were set up on site as first aid stations and soldiers carrying villagers waded through water and mud as they evacuated 300 residents, state broadcaster CCTV showed on its morning broadcast.

The number of casualties was not immediately known, said an official in Guizhou province who would give only his surname, Xue. Another official, interviewed by CCTV, said nearly half a hill had collapsed, engulfing a wide area in soil.

Vice premier Hui Liangyu arrived at the scene Monday night to oversee rescue efforts, the official Xinhua News Agency said.

CCTV showed still images of rescuers in orange overalls heading to the site on foot along a winding mountain road and later bent over a large mound of earth, tugging at large concrete slabs buried in it.

Large areas of southern China have been hit by flooding in the last two weeks, with at least 377 people killed and another 142 missing—not including those from Monday's landslide. More than 3 million people have fled their homes over the past two weeks, according to the Ministry of Civil Affairs.

On Sunday, floodwaters began receding in the hard-hit south and workers finished repairing a dike breach that forced the evacuation of 100,000 people.

Reports: Kim's youngest son is NKorea legislator

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—The youngest son of North Korean leader Kim Jong Il became a parliament member last year, another sign he is being groomed to succeed his father, South Korean news reports said Tuesday.

It is widely believed that the 68-year-old Kim plans to hand power at some point to third son Kim Jong Un, though little is known about him. Speculation about the North's succession plans has intensified since the senior Kim reportedly had a stroke in 2008.

He has led North Korea since 1994 upon his father's death in a hereditary succession—the first in the communist world—that was in the works for years.

Kim Jong Un reportedly ran for a parliamentary seat in elections in March last year that were closely watched for any signs of a power shift in the secretive North. His name, however, was not on the list of Supreme People's Assembly legislators, sparking speculation he may not have run in the polls or used an alias.

On Tuesday, the mass-circulation Dong-a Ilbo newspaper quoted a high-level Western source knowledgeable about the North as saying that Kim was elected in the rubber-stamp legislature's Constituency No. 216. The source, who was not otherwise identified, said he obtained the information from unidentified North Korean figures about two months after the vote, according to the newspaper.

Another national daily—the JoongAng Ilbo—carried a similar report, saying the comments would confirm that Kim has formally entered government service after being tapped as the North's next leader.

The paper also said the constituency No. 216 has a special meaning in North Korea as Kim Jong Il's birthday falls on Feb. 16. It said the Western source spoke during a meeting Monday with journalists in Seoul.

World

'Anarchists unleashed mayhem'

TORONTO (AP)—Despite a whopping $900 million security budget for the G-summits in Canada over the weekend, the streets of Toronto were swarmed by an angry mass of black-clad anarchists who wreaked havoc, leaving a trail of destruction.

A protest organized mainly by labor groups Saturday began as an upbeat rally over global causes, ranging from anti-poverty issues to anti-globalization to anti-war. Then, without warning, the protest was infiltrated by a group of mainly young men and women who went on a rampage, smashing storefront windows with baseball bats, torching four police cruisers and prompting police to fire tear gas for the first time ever in the Toronto Police force's history.

When it ended, more than 900 people had been arrested, the largest mass arrests Canada has ever seen, and police Monday were still looking for the instigators of the widespread wreckage.

In the aftermath, many are asking how a country that has a universal reputation as the nice guys, whose lexicon is filled with please and thank yous, who don't start the wars, but support the troops, could have erupted in such violence and chaos.

Toronto Police Chief Bill Blair told The Associated Press Monday that the culprits were anarchists, hundreds of whom were a mix of Torontonians and others who made the trip from across the province, the country and border, for a sole intent: to engage in chaos and violence.

Kyrgyzstan faces tricky political future

OSH, Kyrgyzstan (AP)—Kyrgyzstan's fragile leadership has survived the aftermath of revolution, a wave of ethnic clashes and a refugee crisis.

Now it has held a successful referendum on a new constitution that waters down presidential powers in favor of a European-style parliamentary system.

That is raising tentative hopes that the resilience of President Roza Otunbayeva's interim government, along with the international praise it won Monday for organizing a free and fair vote, puts Kyrgyzstan in a good position to evolve into Central Asia's first true democracy. More than 90 percent of voters in the weekend referendum backed the interim government's new constitution.

But there are danger signs ahead.

The strategically positioned nation is in the hands of a fractious coalition of volatile personalities who look set to pitch battle against one another in parliamentary elections in October.

With Otunbayeva calling for prospective candidates in her provisional Cabinet to resign, saying that is the only way to ensure a fair playing field in the parliamentary vote, the government may be showing cracks that could rapidly lead to outright collapse.

Rival Hamas, UN summer camps compete over children

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP)—Masked men trashed a U.N. summer camp Monday, tying up guards and slashing tents and an inflatable pool in the second such attack blamed on suspected extremists in just over a month—a sign of how, in Gaza, youth camp is not just about crafts and volleyball.

Rival day camps by the United Nations and Gaza's Islamic militant Hamas rulers compete for the hearts of the next generation, the roughly 700,000 children under 15 who make up nearly half of the Gaza Strip's population.

Hamas camps teach an anti-Israeli doctrine and military-style marching, along with horseback riding, swimming and Islam. U.N. camps try to instill hope in a better future, a message wrapped in fun and games.

The U.N. says it hopes to help shield Gaza's children against the lure of militancy, a task that's getting harder in the impoverished territory. Educators say today's children are more vulnerable than the previous generation, having witnessed war with Israel last year, internal Palestinian fighting and the violent Hamas takeover in 2007, followed by an Israeli-Egyptian blockade that has virtually cut Gaza off from the outside world.

WORLD BRIEFS

Ex-Panama dictator Noriega goes to trial in France

PARIS (AP)—As Manuel Noriega went on trial in France for money laundering, the former Panamanian dictator was not allowed to wear his trademark military fatigues and appeared confused about the most basic of biographical information: his age. Noriega took the stand only briefly Monday to give his name and age, but the 76-year-old appeared feeble, his shoulders trembling uncontrollably as he addressed the three-judge panel. Noriega's lawyers, meanwhile, complained about dirty, dilapidated conditions in the prison where he is being held. The former military strongman, who spent 20 years in U.S. custody for drug trafficking after being deposed in the 1989 invasion of his country, could return to prison for 10 years if he is convicted as charged in France.

Mexican governor candidate killed, cartels blamed

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Gunmen assassinated the front-running candidate for governor of a Mexican border state Monday in what President Felipe Calderon called an attempt by drug gangs to sway local and state elections this weekend. The assailants ambushed Rodolfo Torre's vehicle as he headed to the airport in Ciudad Victoria, capital of Tamaulipas, a state torn by a turf battle between two rival drug cartels. At least four other people traveling with him were killed. "Today has proven that organized crime is a permanent threat and that we should close ranks to confront it and avoid more actions like the cowardly assassination that today has shaken the country," Calderon said in a televised speech. "We cannot and should not permit crime to impose its will or its perverse rules."

Cuba's Castro meets with Syrian President Assad

HAVANA (AP)—President Bashar Assad of Syria sat down with Cuban leader Raul Castro on Monday as part of his first tour of Latin America, a trip that is taking him to meetings with many of the region's left-leaning governments. A four-star army general, Raul Castro exchanged his traditional olive-green fatigues for a dark suit to host Assad at the stately Palace of the Revolution. There was no word on what they discussed, but Cuban state media have said Assad was coming to promote cooperation between his Mideastern nation and the communist-run island. Earlier, the governments of Cuba and Syria announced they had reached an agreement to jointly battle drug trafficking and help each other dismantle international smuggling syndicates working between both countries.

Campus Life

For Chinese, getting into Harvard is a class act

Seventeen-year-old Chang Shui, center, or as she calls herself in English, "Charlotte," sits with her school classmates in Shanghai, China. LOS ANGELES TIMES

By BARBARA DEMICK
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SHANGHAI—It was just a week after Chang Shui received her acceptance notice from Harvard that the first book offer came.

A publisher approached her father with a detailed outline for an inside guide to how a Shanghai couple prepared their daughter to compete successfully with the best students from America. Local newspapers weighed in with articles about how Chang's membership in a dance troupe surely helped. "Magical girl 'danced' her way into Harvard," the Shanghai Evening Post headlined its story.

Qibao High School, where Chang is a senior, trumpeted the news on a large electronic billboard at the front gate. The day that she received her acceptance notice—by e-mail at 5 a.m. April 2—teachers at the high school crowded around to have their picture taken with her.

"She was a celebrity," boasted her homeroom teacher, Xiong Gongping.

"I'm not exactly a celebrity," Chang said, interjecting a note of modesty. "But it is true that more students are approaching me wanting to know how to go to college in the United States.

"And for the parents, it's their dream to send a kid to Harvard or Yale."

Charlotte Chang, as she'll call herself in the United States, is a skinny 17-year-old with hair pulled back into a perky pony tail and a broad, confident smile despite the braces that she hopes to get off her teeth before moving to Cambridge in August. Striding through her high school campus last month, she switched easily between Chinese and English, the word "cool" punctuating her speech, a product of spending her junior year of high school as an exchange student in Seattle.

She wears the Wedgewood-blue track suit jacket that is part of her school uniform, along with jeans and canvas sneakers that put a cheerful bounce in her step. The only book she carries is a paperback version of the novel "The Time Traveler's Wife." She was reading it for fun.

Although she was at school that day to have her photograph taken with the rest of the senior class, she has stopped attending classes even as her classmates are preparing for the dreaded gaokao, or high test, that determines placement in Chinese universities.

"My friends are so depressed. They study from 7 a.m. to midnight," Chang said.

At the very top of the wish list for many of them is Harvard, or Hafo, which the Chinese pronounce with reverence. Its namesakes are found all over China, the Harvard Kindergarten, the Harvard Graphic Arts School, the Harvard Beauty School. For those coveting the real thing, there are nearly a dozen books in Chinese, among them "You Too Can Go to Harvard: Secrets of Getting into Famous U.S. Universities," and the bestseller published in 2000, "Harvard Girl."

"More and more rich Chinese families want to send their children to the United States to be educated, and when they do, they want them to go to the best universities," said Zhou Jun, the founder and head of the Leadership Academy, one of a dozen consulting firms that dispenses advice on how to get into foreign universities.

Based in Shanghai, his company targets a niche market of China's wealthiest families, people who will pay as much as $300,000 for up to five years of supplemental classes aimed at getting their child into an Ivy League school. "The parents all want Harvard, but we can't guarantee that. We're not God. We work with what we have got."

Zhou's firm helps students with their English, prepares them to take the SATs, which are given in Hong Kong or through an international school, and helps them single out universities, fill out their applications and edit their essays. The consulting firm also organizes extracurricular programs, most recently a four-day hiking excursion to Nepal, and volunteer work tutoring the poor—the sort of activities notably absent on the resumes of most children schooled in a system obsessed with grades.

The desire to go to top American universities is not just about the prestige conveyed by the name. Chinese students envy many aspects of U.S. higher education, such as the chance to explore different pursuits before choosing a major, interactions with professors and the more open intellectual debates.

"You really don't learn anything in Chinese universities, It is very difficult to get into college, but more relaxed once you get there," said Zhang Haosheng, an 18-year-old classmate of Chang's at Qibao High School. "I think many of us, if we had the money, would prefer to go to school in the U.S."

There are currently 36 Chinese undergraduates at Harvard (the number of graduate students is much larger), but of 2,110 students accepted for the upcoming freshman class, at least nine are from China.

"The Chinese high schools used to worry that if the top-flight students applied internationally they wouldn't study hard for the gaokao and that (students') status in China would suffer, but now they are encouraging it," said Deborah Seligsohn, a Beijing-based Harvard alumni who often interviews Chinese applicants.

Seligsohn said the Chinese applicants to Harvard she meets are usually students who have rejected engineering or science and want the luxury of time afforded by U.S. universities to figure out their place in the world.

"What I've seen over and over again is that they are very socially committed. They're interested in broad questions of poverty and the environment," she said.

Isabelle Krishana, an American expatriate who works for Kemeixin Consulting, a Beijing-based academic adviser, is more cynical.

"I think the parents want their kids to make a lot of money," said Krishana, a Princeton graduate.

For Chinese students, the obstacles to entry to an Ivy League school are daunting. Although many top universities, including Harvard, select applicants regardless of their ability to pay, successful matriculants need to speak perfect English, which they cannot generally do unless they spend a high school year abroad. And that requires a good deal of money.

"It takes a lot of work for them to put together an application that is going to stand up next to 20,000 kids applying to Yale. They don't know what a college admissions person wants to see and hear," Krishana said.

She recalled one high school student she was advising, who, when asked to write an essay about a person she admired, picked Adolf Hitler. "It was one of those 'Lost in Translation' moments. I had to explain to her, 'Listen, this is really not going to work.' "

For Chang, the path to Harvard began when she was in kindergarten and started dancing.

"We wanted her to have a special talent to develop her personality," Chang Zhitao, her businessman father, said from the family's home in one of Shanghai's shiny new high-rise apartments.

He said the family took a contrarian approach to the education of Chang, an only child, rejecting the harsh methods of some other ambitious parents—for example, the author of "Harvard Girl" wrote that her parents began teaching her words when she was 15 days old and that as a 10-year-old she held a piece of ice in her hand to develop discipline.

"We wanted to develop her own sense of responsibility, and with responsibility, she got freedom," Chang's father said.

"I grew up differently from my classmates. I spent a significant amount of time in dancing and extracurricular activities. I put in more time studying English," Chang said.

At Qibao High School, a public school for gifted students (like certain U.S. magnet schools), Chang was among the top 10 students but not the valedictorian. She spent many weekends performing traditional Chinese dance with a student troupe, sometimes traveling abroad to countries such as France, Australia and North Korea.

Chang did not use a consultant but had an adviser who helped her with the complicated applications while she was attending high school in Seattle. She said she was surprised that she got into Harvard, as she'd been rejected last year by Yale's early admissions program.

Last month, Chang met with some of her future classmates at an event organized by the Harvard Club of Shanghai. Like herself, she said, each has a special talent—one is an athlete, another a student government leader and a third a whiz at taking tests. "I met one boy with perfect 2400 SAT scores," Chang said.

"But we all had the same question: Why did Harvard pick me?"

At least for now, Chang does not intend to commit the secrets of her success to paper.

"She says it is too soon," her father said. "She hasn't accomplished anything yet."

Public schools spend more than $10K per pupil in 2008

In 2008, American public school systems spent an average of $10,259 per pupil, a 6.1 percent increase over 2007. Eighteen states and the District of Columbia spent above this amount; 32 spent less.

These data come from Public Education Finances: 2008, which provides tables on revenues, expenditures, debt and assets (cash and security holdings) of elementary and secondary public school systems with data for the nation, states and school districts. The tables also include more detailed data on spending, such as instruction, school lunches,

transportation and salaries, among others.

"This report on public school spending shows us how taxpayer money is being spent on education," said Lisa Blumerman, chief of the Governments Division at the U.S. Census Bureau. "Public education is the single largest category of all state and local government expenditures. These data provide a detailed picture of how available resources are spent within the public education system."

Public school systems received $582.1 billion in funding in 2008, up 4.5 percent from 2007. Of that amount, state governments contributed 48.3 percent, followed by local sources, which contributed 43.7 percent, and federal sources, which made up the remaining 8.1 percent.

Public school systems' spending was up 6 percent in 2008, totaling $593.2 billion. Total current spending was $506.8 billion (85.4 percent), of which $304.8 billion went to instruction, followed by $175.9 billion, which went to support services, such as transportation and school maintenance

Total school district debt increased by 7.9 percent in 2008 to $377.4 billion

ON THE NET

http://www.govs.census.gov/govs/www/school.html

Other highlights:

■ States and state equivalents that spent the most per pupil were New York ($17,173), New Jersey ($16,491), Alaska ($14,630), the District of Columbia ($14,594), Vermont ($14,300) and Connecticut ($13,848).

■ States that spent the least per pupil were Utah ($5,765), Idaho ($6,931), Arizona ($7,608), Oklahoma ($7,685) and Tennessee ($7,739).

■ Instructional salaries made up the largest spending category for public elementary and secondary education at $203.5 billion (40.2 percent) in 2008.

■ The percentage of public school funding from the federal government was highest in Louisiana (16.8 percent), Mississippi (16.0 percent) and South Dakota (15.2 percent) and lowest in New Jersey (3.9 percent), Connecticut (4.2 percent) and Massachusetts (5.1 percent).

■ The percentage of funding from state government was highest in Vermont (88.5 percent), which surpassed Hawaii (84.8 percent) this year, where elementary and secondary education is run by the state government, followed by Arkansas (76.0 percent). The percentage of funding from state government was lowest in Nebraska (33.0 percent), South Dakota (33.2 percent) and Illinois (33.8 percent).

■ Among states, the percentage of funding from local governments was highest in Illinois (58.2 percent), Nebraska (57.3 percent) and Connecticut (57.3 percent) and lowest in Hawaii (3.0 percent), Vermont (5.0 percent) and Arkansas (13.4 percent).

■ The $254.1 billion schools received from local sources included $218.4 billion from taxes and local government appropriations.

■ Property taxes accounted for 63.7 percent of revenue for public school systems from local sources.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Life & Style

Fired NY banker's suit, and suits, raise eyebrows

NEW YORK (AP)—It went viral as the ultimate example of being punished for circumstances beyond one's control: a woman who said she was fired from her banking job because she complained that her male colleagues called her bodacious figure a workplace distraction.

Then—after the tabloid headlines, the TV interviews, the New York Times column—came the disclosure that the buxom banker who said she couldn't help the way she looked had, in fact, helped it a lot, through a series of cosmetic surgeries she had extolled on reality TV.

When Debrahlee Lorenzana asked state human-rights officials on Monday to investigate her claims against Citibank—which the bank denies—her story had already become a crucible teeming with touchy subjects: sexual harassment, women's workplace fashion, society's obsession with beauty, Americans' mixed feelings about publicity-seeking. It's a morality play for the YouTube era.

But as commentators ranging from legal analysts to comedians debate whether she's a novel form of discrimination victim or a gold digger trying to cash in on male attention she courted, the 33-year-old single mom at the center of it all says she's unbowed and trying to teach corporate America a lesson.

She followed the bank's dress code and tried to do her job, she says, and so what if she strove to look—in her own words—like a Playboy model?

"There's nothing wrong with that," Lorenzana said at a news conference Monday. "One thing has nothing to do with the other."

Then she went off to work at her new job at another bank, dressed in a yellow sleeveless top, a form-fitting ecru skirt and tan stiletto peep-toe pumps.

Lorenzana isn't the first woman to take legal action over workplace dress requirements; famous examples include a Nevada casino bartender who unsuccessfully sued after she was fired for refusing to wear makeup. But many such cases revolve around claims that the woman was pushed to look more like a sex object—not less, as Lorenzana alleges.

Her claim that she was dressed down by bosses who said she was too alluring to wear turtlenecks or pencil skirts seized the cultural moment because "it just sounded so sort of 'Mad Men'-esque," said Brenda Weber, a gender and cultural studies professor at Indiana University, referring to the AMC television series that often dwells on masculine privilege in a 1960s advertising firm.

AP

Debrahlee Lorenzana, a woman who says she was fired from her banking job after complaining that male colleagues called her curvaceous figure distracting, arrives at the offices of the New York State Division of Human Rights in New York's Financial District, Monday, June 28, 2010.

It's no surprise the frenzy only intensified after the revelation of Lorenzana's plastic surgery, Weber said.

In a culture that cherishes ideals of genuineness and meritocracy, "there's this sort of stripping of her authenticity that then, in an American context, we really sort of dislike," she said, but "it doesn't mean that we're not fascinated."

Lorenzana began working at a Citibank branch in September 2008, in a job soliciting and opening up new accounts for businesses, according to her new complaint to the state Human Rights Division and a lawsuit she filed last fall.

Managers soon began hassling her about her work wear, saying she looked "too distracting" for her male colleagues to handle, her lawsuit said. When she pointed out that some coworkers wore more revealing clothes than she, a manager told her that "your body is very different from them" and that because the others "are short or fat, it's OK for them to dress like that," her human-rights complaint said.

She complained repeatedly to Citibank human resources officials and was transferred to another branch. After what she calls a deliberate campaign to keep her from meeting performance targets—including by giving her an out-of-the-way desk where customers couldn't find her—she was fired in August, according to her complaints.

Citibank, part of banking giant Citigroup Inc., says poor performance was the sole reason for her firing, and that the bank is confident it will prevail in the legal fights.

"Her current attempts to gain personal publicity are as transparent as her legal claims," Citibank spokeswoman Natalie Riper said in a statement Monday.

The lawsuit, which seeks unspecified damages, is headed for arbitration. The human-rights complaint will trigger a separate investigation that could ultimately lead to a ruling from an administrative judge. The agency declined to comment Monday.

The alternative newspaper The Village Voice first wrote about Lorenzana's lawsuit June 1. Soon, fashion editors assessed her work wardrobe. Bloggers decocted the effects of beauty on the beholder and the holder. Newspapers from Canada to Florida weighed in, some calling the case a flashpoint for debate over workplace sexual harassment.

Within days, Lorenzana made the rounds of network morning shows. Times columnist Maureen Dowd examined her case in light of studies on societal responses to people's attractiveness. A panelist on NPR's "Wait Wait ... Don't Tell Me!" pronounced her predicament "the most flattering way ever to get fired."

Then the Daily News disclosed that Lorenzana—who had told the paper, "I can't help how I look"—had been featured in a 2003 Discovery Channel series called "Plastic Surgery New York Style" as she planned her fourth breast enlargement, to a size 32-DD.

"I know men have a fantasy of having a Playboy Playmate—that's what I want to be," she says on the show, noting that she had also had a tummy tuck and liposuction.

Lorenzana said Monday she was simply trying to restore her curves after breast-feeding, and that the show directed her comments. Discovery Channel representatives didn't immediately return a call.

The twist in Lorenzana's story only sparked more dissection of whether she was standing up for women's rights or setting them back.

In one of the most curious debates, National Organization for Women President Terry O'Neill faced off against actor and radio personality Danny Bonaduce on CNN's "The Joy Behar Show," while Behar wondered aloud about whether women's enduring concern for their appearance marked a failure of feminism.

While Bonaduce lambasted Lorenzana as an attention-seeker, O'Neill says the banker shouldn't have been subjected to the kind of attention Lorenzana says she got.

"If a woman has breast implants, that really doesn't justify inappropriate comments," O'Neill said in an interview Monday.

As for Lorenzana, she said Monday that the saga has left her more media-savvy but not sorry: "I don't regret anything in life."

Police seize stolen Caravaggio, make arrests

BERLIN (AP)—A Caravaggio painting stolen from a museum in Ukraine two years ago was recovered by police as four men tried to sell it in Berlin, official said Monday.

Police confiscated the 16th-century painting—known as "The Taking of Christ," or "The Kiss of Judas"—and arrested the three Ukrainians and a Russian on Friday, Germany's Federal Criminal Police Office said.

They are believed to be members of an international gang of art thieves, and 20 other suspected members of it were arrested in Ukraine, the police said.

The painting, worth several million euros (dollars), was stolen from

Picture provided by the German Federal Office of Criminal Investigation , BKA, in Berlin on Monday June 28, 2010 shows the painting 'The Taking of Christ, or The Kiss of Judas' by Italian painter Caravaggio (1571-1610).

the Museum of Western and Eastern Art in Odessa, Ukraine, in July 2008 by thieves who entered the museum at night and cut the painting out of its frame.

Anke Spriestersbach, a police spokeswoman, declined to release any information about the potential buyer, saying the investigation is still under way.

The arrests in Berlin were made in cooperation with Germany's special GSG 9 forces and Ukrainian police.

Caravaggio, a Baroque master from Italy, was known for his dramatic use of light, novel perspective and the use of ordinary people in religious and mythological scenes.

HS students compete for top music theater awards

NEW YORK (AP)—Katie Finan always dreamed of stepping out onto a Broadway stage. She's now getting her chance, thanks to a scholarship competition.

"Life goal accomplished—18 years old," said Finan, of Raleigh, N.C. "I'm going to have to get some new goals."

Finan is one of 44 students vying to be named best high school actor or actress on Monday night at the second National High School Music Theater Awards at the Marquis Theatre. They will compete by singing selections from roles they played in high school productions this year.

Judges will pick six finalists and select a top actor and actress to win the "Jimmy" award, named for theater owner James Nederlander, whose company is a cosponsor of the event. The award comes with a $5,000 scholarship to New York University's Tisch School of the Arts.

The students arrived in New York last week and have been rehearsing every day. They learned music and choreography for their own songs and their peers', for which they'll perform as backup singers and dancers.

"We're working our butts off every single minute of every day," said John Jorge, 18, of Norwich, Conn., who is singing a song from "Les Miserables." Jorge missed his high school graduation so he could compete.

"This is one of those things I had to go to," he said. "I'm probably never going to get to experience this ever again."

The students will also join the cast and musicians of "Come Fly Away" to pay tribute to Frank Sinatra, whose music is the soundtrack for the show currently playing at the Marquis.

During their trip, the students took in the Broadway show "Memphis" and spoke with the cast after the performance. They will perform for casting director Bernie Telsey, who is one of the award's judges, on Tuesday.

"We're trying to give these kids an authentic, meaningful, professional experience," said Van Kaplan, president of the awards organization and the show's director. "If they decide they want to pursue this as a career, they will have had kind of a taste of it."

Despite the grueling rehearsal schedule, Stephanie Styles of Houston hopes to pursue a career as a musical theater actress.

"You teach people, you entertain them, you can do so much with a musical," said Styles, 18. "And you get to sing and dance and act."

CELEBRITY EXTRA

By CINDY ELAVSKY

Q: Since her departure from "NCIS," I haven't heard anything from Sasha Alexander. What's she up to?—Art U., Johnson City, Tenn.

A: Since leaving "NCIS," Sasha, 37, has appeared the feature films "Yes Man," "Love Happens" and "He's Just Not That Into You," as well as many guest spots on various TV series. She is currently wrapping production on the film "Coming & Going," which should be released later this year.

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Q: I know you're a big fan of "Dancing With the Stars, so I was wondering who you'd like to see compete on the show.—Renee, B., via e-mail

A: Thank you for asking! I think former 98 Degrees singer Jeff Timmons would do very well—and get a lot of the ladies' votes! And funnyman cutie-pie David Blue of "Ugly Betty" and "Stargate Universe" fame would do very well, especially given his musical theater background. I spoke with "DWTS" judge Carrie Ann Inaba in June (as she was helping to bring awareness to Cat Adoption Month), and she told me one of her dream guests: "I would love to see Lindsay Lohan come on our show. I think it would be a really good opportunity for her to sort of turn her life around, as she's been going through some hard times. She is a talented young actress, and she's a very sexy girl. I'm very curious to see that—I think she'd do very well on our show."

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Q: I am so excited that Lifetime Television's "Drop Dead Diva" is back for another season. Can you give me any teasers on what to expect?—Kimberly T., St. Louis

Kate Levering

A: Well, first off, you can expect guest stars a-plenty: Cybill Shepherd, Natasha Henstridge, Vivica Fox, Leelee Sobieski and more. Also, "Diva" star Kate Levering, who plays rival lawyer Kim Kaswell, dished a little with me and let me know that Kim gets a new love interest. Kate says: "We'll see some of the fallout with her last relationship last season with Grayson, and she'll enter into a new relationship that creates some scandal. That storyline for me has been really cool. And there will be more interesting, quirky court cases and great dream sequences with really exciting talent."

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Q: I read somewhere that a prequel to "The Wizard of Oz" is in the works. Is that true?—Daniel F., via e-mail

A: Director Sam Raimi of "Spider-Man" fame is in contention to direct the "Oz" prequel, which is called "Oz: The Great and Powerful." As of this writing, Disney had not confirmed the news, as they are still in the negotiation stage. Robert Downey Jr. has been linked to the lead role. Sam himself is a very busy man—he has dozens of films in production, either as a writer, director and/or producer. He is producing and writing "Evil Dead IV," producing "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea," directing "No Man's Land" and many others.

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Message of Appreciation

ATANACIO T. ASUNCION

January 28, 1964 • June 10, 2010

To all our relatives, friends, neighbors, most especially to Fr. Jojo Santos, Grand Poker and Saipan Tribune who joined us during our time of mourning, we are forever grateful for the prayers and support you have given us during this difficult time. We offer our deepest and sincere thank you for the kindness you have shown to our family. We will always keep you in our thoughts and prayers. May God be with you!

From: Lorna Asuncion and Children

In Loving Memory of

Lucia L.G. Camacho

December 13, 1924 • June 24, 2010

Lucia went to meet her Lord June 24, 2010. She was born Dec. 13, 1924, to Ana (Muna) and Antonio Leon Guerrero on the island of Saipan. Her husband Jose R. Camacho and siblings Maria DLG Cabrera, Amalia DLG Diaz, Matilde DLG Brummer, Lorenzo M. DeLeon Guerrero, Antonia DLG Sablan, and Nicolas M. DeLeon Guerrero predeceased her. She and Jose were married 54 years. She is survived by her sister, Carmen Reyes; children, Connie (Bill) Register, Annie (Mark) Dombkowski, Fran (Dennis) Silbernagel, and Dee (Roger) Nicolai; nine grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She retired from Bush Garden Restaurant as a cook. Her greatest joy was being surrounded by her family who will miss her greatly. A funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 29, 2010, at St. Henry Catholic Church, Gresham, Oregon, with interment following in Gethsemani Cemetery.

MEMORIAL MASS

†MARIA HOCOG BORJA

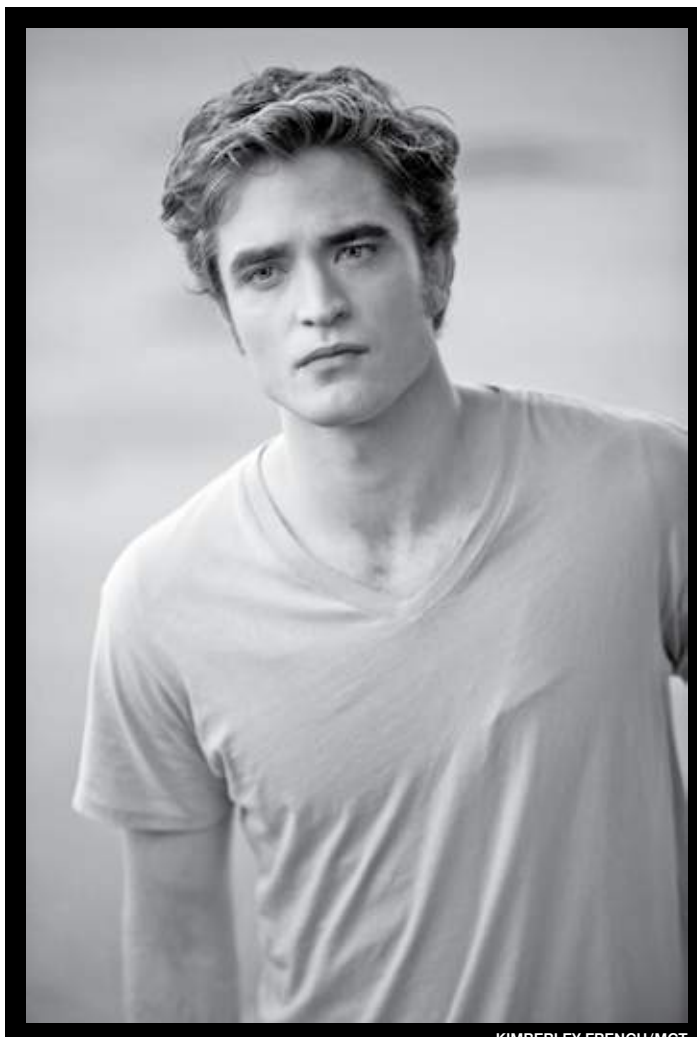
Better known as

"Kitalang or Maria Dasu"

Date of Birth: January 13, 1952
Date of Death: May 3 d 2010

This is to inform the families, relatives and friends of the late †Maria Hocog Borja, daughter of the late †Joaquin Borja and the late †Rosa Hocog Borja that their daughter †Maria Hocog Borja had passed away on May 3rd, 2010 in Long Beach, California. †Maria's Memorial Mass will be said on July 03, 2010 at 10:00 A.M. at San Jose Catholic Church in Oleai.

Your prayers and thoughts are greatly appreciated by the family.
Un Dangkulo na Si Yu'us Ma'ase genin I Familia.



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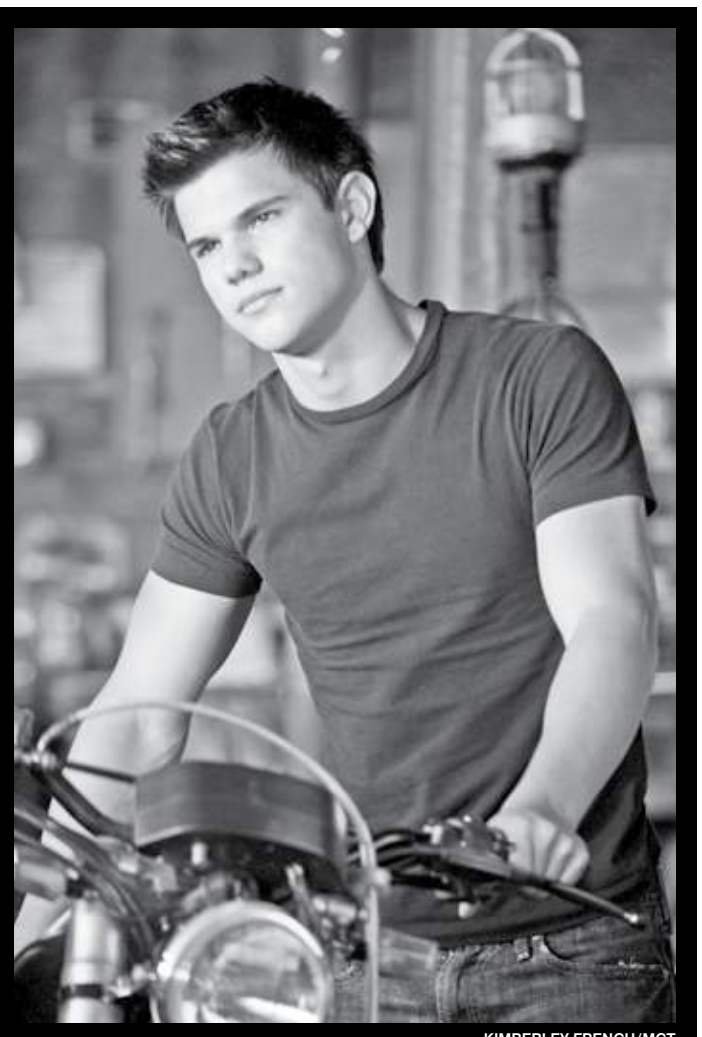

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Taylor Lautner stars in "The Twilight Saga: Eclipse."

There will be new blood in 'Eclipse'

By JOHN ANDERSON
NEWSDAY

KIMBERLEY FRENCH/MCT

Taylor Lautner, from left, Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson star in "The Twilight Saga: Eclipse."

At a fan convention earlier this month in Los Angeles, newly issued vampire Xavier Samuel got a taste of ... "Twilight" mania: "I got to hang out with 2,000 people, answer a few questions, mostly about whether I'd have my shirt off in any scenes." Such is the so-called life of the undead, at least in the world of "Twilight," which involves passion, drama and the feverish howling of teenage girls.

"I don't know how," Samuel said, "you prepare for something like that."

Prepare he must. With the regularity of a full moon, another "Twilight" movie is upon us—"Twilight: Eclipse," the third in the series inspired by the Stephenie Meyer novels and one that addresses such titanic questions as immortality and high school graduation. While Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson and Taylor Lautner all return, respectively, as Bella Swan, Edward Cullen and Jacob Black, they are being joined by a virtual legion of previously unseen characters. While the second film was titled "New Moon," this one, which opens Wednesday, could be called "New Blood" (all puns intended).

In addition to Bryce Dallas Howard, who replaced Rachelle Lefevre as the vampiress Victoria, there's Jodelle Ferland, a native of Vancouver (where the film was shot), who plays Bree, one of the pawns in Victoria's scheme of revenge. "Everybody made me feel very welcome," Ferland said. Actually, she giggled. "I also had my 15th birthday on set, so that was really awesome."

And there's Samuel as Riley, a member of Victoria's Newborn Army of bloodsuckers, whose strength is greatest during their early days of unlife. "He's a complex character," said the 26-year-old Australian, "because he's still got human blood pumping through his veins, and because he's had his humanity snatched from him, and that stirs a lot of feelings of jealousy and rage."

Riley is being manipulated by Victoria to seek revenge on Bella and Edward, "so he's essentially kind of a puppet, which makes him a tragic figure. It's kind of a Lady Macbeth relationship with Victoria; he's wrapped around her little finger. But director David Slade and I have really talked about the complexities of the character, and about not delving into any cliches and stereotypes."

There are a lot of complexities to "Twilight," not the least of which is the triangle involving Bella and her admirers, Edward and Jacob, who come from opposing factions (vampires vs. werewolves), but who must unite to protect Bella and her whole Seattle town. How will it conclude? It won't, not until next year's fourth installment, "Breaking Dawn," the screenplay to which is being written by Melissa Rosenberg, who has scripted all four movies.

"I think we're shooting in October," Rosenberg said, admitting to a certain regret. "Having only done 'Twilight' and 'Dexter' for the last several years, I'm very comfortable in 'Twilight.' I know these characters, I know their voices, I know I can write them. It's a comfortable place to be and I guess I'm a little bit nervous about going off into the big world.

"Twilight," of course, is not something that comes along every day: The last film, which cost approximately $50 million, has so far earned nearly $300 million. "I think it's tapped into something intense," Rosenberg said. "You have a character like Bella who gives us all entry into the world; she's an Everygirl. You're able to get into the vampire world through her very comfortable point of view and then you become the most wanted, desirable person in the world by these two extraordinary guys—it's wish fulfillment, there's familiarity because it's a series and there's a connectedness through Bella. And Stephenie has really created an incredible world and mythology. She's a good storyteller."

It's a story whose essential elements could be transposed to another world. "Absolutely," Rosenberg said. "Stephenie's compared it at times to 'Wuthering Heights,' or 'Romeo and Juliet.' You could take the straight-ahead drama part off and drop the fantastical element and still have a compelling story. But, of course, I think the fantastical elements take it to another level."

Because the films have been made so quickly, and released accordingly (one about every six months), the same audience has remained engaged, the sense of urgency has been maintained, and the actors haven't markedly aged. It's also been suggested that the transition will be easier for the performers, who won't have been typecast quite as cruelly as they might by a series that went on forever (see "Harry Potter").

Samuel, for instance, has a flourishing career that needs no impediments: He's just finished Roland Emmerich's "Anonymous," a conspiracy thriller that involves the authorship of Shakespeare's plays; and "The Loved Ones," which he called a "teenage extravaganza" in which "I was strapped to a chair and tortured for the majority of the film."

Although the "Twilight" series was "pretty hard to miss," he said, he hadn't been a particularly rabid fan. "I must have been the only one in the world who hadn't seen the last film," he admitted, "but I saw it on the plane to Vancouver." Which is cutting things, one might say, pretty close. Still, Samuel got seduced.

"I can understand how people can become really attached to the story," he said. "There are all these epic themes of eternal love and the idea that love can cure you. It's intoxicating. As soon as I found out about the role, I went to the bookstore and madly started reading."

BREAKING 'DAWN' IN TWO

The phenomenal "Twilight" series will not be ending with a fourth installment, as originally intended. It will be ending with a fourth, and fifth. Although the producing and opening of the films in the series have been quick and clean—each feature has been released while the next was being shot—"Breaking Dawn," the last in the Stephenie Meyer series of novels, will be broken into two parts for the screen. The first half will be released in November 2011. The fifth movie does not yet have a release date, according to distributor Summit Entertainment.

They will be shot simultaneously, said a Summit spokeswoman, but because of the complexity of the material, will be presented via two separate films—and admissions.

To reveal any major plot points would kind of take the steam out of "Eclipse," the imminent third chapter in the vampire quartet/quintet (at least for those few dozen who aren't clued in). But it's safe to say that Edward Cullen (Robert Pattinson), Jacob Black (Taylor Lautner) and Bella Swan (Kristen Stewart) will all be supping at the "Twilight" trough until at least 2012—when Lautner will have reached the ripe old age of 20.

'Bree Tanner' million-seller in less than a month

NEW YORK (AP)—Stephenie Meyer (MY'-er), author of the "Twilight Saga," has yet another smash hit on her hands.

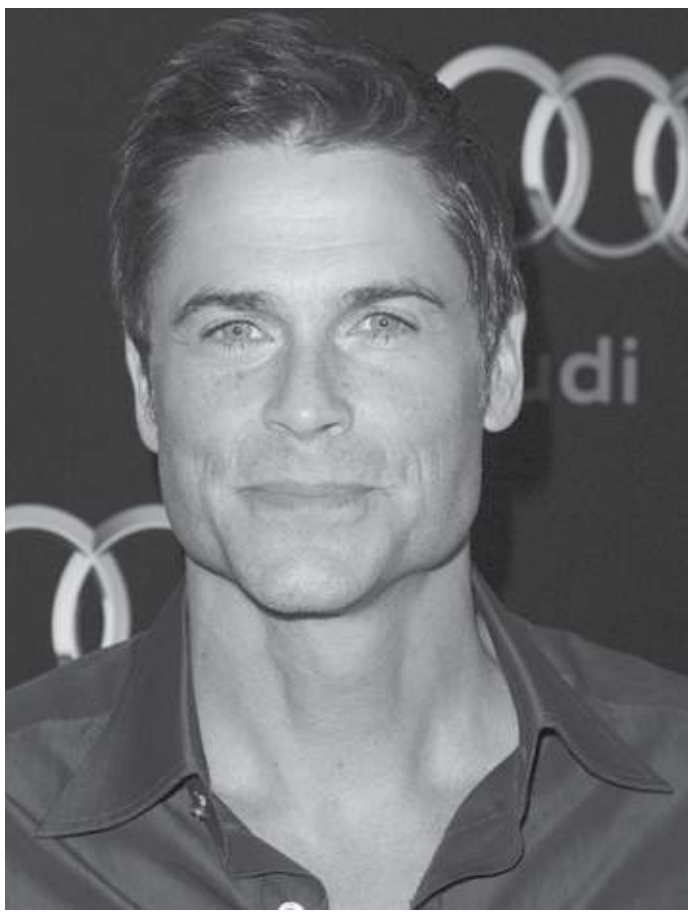
"The Short Second Life of Bree Tanner: an Eclipse Novella" has scored sales of more than 1 million copies in the U.S. since its June 5 release.

Publisher Little, Brown Books for Young Readers said Monday it now ranks as the year's best-selling book so far. It had debuted on several best-seller lists in the U.S., as well as in numerous countries around the world.

The novella follows the adventures of Bree Tanner, a newborn vampire introduced in the "Twilight" volume "Eclipse."

In less than five years, nearly 100 million copies of the "Twilight Saga" teen-vampire books have been sold in nearly 50 countries, said Little, Brown.

Publisher: Actor Rob Lowe to write memoir



AP

In this Feb. 5, 2010 file photo, actor Rob Lowe arrives for the Audi party at the W Hotel during Super Bowl festivities in Miami Beach.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Rob Lowe is taking on a new role: author.

Publisher Henry Holt and Co. says it will release the 46-year-old actor's memoir in May 2011.

The actor is handling the writing duties on "Stories I Only Tell My Friends," which details his experiences as an actor and father.

Holt president Stephen Rubin described Lowe's book as "a mid-career meditation on his four decades as an actor."

Lowe became a teen heartthrob in 1983's "The Outsiders" and has amassed more than three dozen film credits since then.

He is a star of the ABC drama "Brothers & Sisters" and recently appeared on the NBC sitcom "Parks and Recreation."

Geena Davis says improve images of women, children

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—Actress Geena Davis says Americans have "a particular responsibility even beyond our borders" to think about how women and girls are portrayed in film and television.

That's because most other nations import "the vast majority of their entertainment" from the United States, says Davis, who starred in "Thelma & Louise" and ABC's TV series "Commander in Chief" playing the first female U.S. president.

Davis spoke to reporters Monday as the U.N. Economic and Social Council opened a weeklong meeting of ministers and other high-level officials to promote anti-poverty and gender equality efforts.

The founder of the Geena Davis Institute on Gender in Media and its programming arm, See Jane, called on popular media's "content creators" to stop portraying women as less "significant" or "valuable" than men.

Davis, who won a best supporting actress Oscar for "The Accidental Tourist" in 1989, says children in particular must be shown more realistic and healthy images of women and girls.

Actor Chris Klein charged with DUI in LA

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Los Angeles prosecutors say they have charged "American Pie" actor Chris Klein with drunken driving.

City Attorney spokesman Frank Mateljan (Mah-TEHL'-jin) says Klein faces two misdemeanor driving under the influence charges and will be arraigned July 9.

Mateljan says Klein faces a minimum of three days in jail and up to a year sentence if convicted because of a prior drunken driving case.

Klein played the character of Chris "Oz" Ostreicher in 1999's "American Pie" and in the 2001 sequel. He was also featured in the 1999 film "Election."

A phone message left for Klein's manager, Cynthia Pette-Dante, was not immediately returned.

AP

This June 17, 2008 file photo, actor Chris Klein at the 2008 Crystal and Lucy Awards in Beverly Hills, Calif.

The California Highway Patrol arrested Klein on June 16 after he was spotted weaving across a highway in the San Fernando Valley.

ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

Lawsuit: Medical records of porn stars overexposed

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Two former porn actresses say their private medical information was wrongly exposed by a Los Angeles clinic that caters to the adult film industry. Diana Lee Grandmason and Bess Garren said Monday they are suing because the release forms actors are required to sign at the Adult Industry Medical Healthcare Foundation's clinic are too broad. The clinic caters to porn actors who must prove they are free of sexually transmitted diseases shortly before filming begins. The lawsuit, filed in Los Angeles Superior Court, claims the release forms wrongly allow an unlimited number of test disclosures to an undefined group of people. State and federal laws limit disclosures of personal medical information. Calls to the clinic for comment weren't immediately returned.

Michael Jackson's dad ends bid for estate stipend

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Michael Jackson's father is withdrawing his request to receive more than $15,000 a month from his late son's estate. A court filing says Joe Jackson is dropping his bid to receive a monthly allowance, opting instead to pursue a wrongful death lawsuit over his son's death. Joe Jackson filed a lawsuit in federal court on Friday against Dr. Conrad Murray, who has been charged with involuntary manslaughter in the singer's death. The Jackson family patriarch was omitted from his son's will, but in November sought a stipend to pay his monthly expenses. The filing was first reported Monday by the celebrity website TMZ. Joe Jackson's filing indicates he may renew his request for a stipend later if necessary.

Showtime network selects new programming chief

NEW YORK (AP)—Hollywood producer David Nevins is the new programming chief at Showtime, replacing Robert Greenblatt. Nevins has been president of Imagine Entertainment since 2002. The production company was behind such shows as "Friday Night Lights" and "24." Showtime said Monday that Greenblatt is leaving the pay cable network when his contract ends in July, apparently amicably. He presided over a period of artistic and financial growth at Showtime. Showtime is home to such series as "Dexter," "Weeds" and "Nurse Jackie." It had 12.4 million paid subscribers when Greenblatt arrived in 2003 and had 18.1 million in April. Showtime is owned by CBS Corp.

Celebrity chefs tout seafood from untainted Gulf

GRAND ISLE, La. (AP)—A group of celebrity chefs is teaming up to promote seafood from the Gulf of Mexico. Their message to consumers: Stop worrying about it and start buying it. Several chefs visited the Louisiana coast on Monday to get a firsthand look at the safety and availability of Louisiana seafood. Top Chef judge and restaurateur Tom Colicchio says the Gulf is a big area and safe areas are still being fished. He says he plans to serve Louisiana seafood in his restaurants. Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Secretary Robert J. Barnham says 70 percent of the Gulf remains open to fishing and thousands of inspections are ensuring the seafood is oil-free.

Mother's clutter complex is cause for daughter's concern

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I know some people are obsessed with hoarding things. Is it possible to have an obsession about throwing things away? My mother seems bent on removing every item from our home. Every time I went away as a kid, boxes of books and toys would disappear from my room. I resorted to hiding things I wanted to keep.

Since I have left for college, 90 percent of my belongings have been thrown out or given to Goodwill. She even gave away two dolls I have had since I was a baby and which were of great sentimental value to me. Mother was well aware of it.

She recently became adamant that I get rid of some dresses and a pair of winter boots to "prepare for the change in seasons." Abby, the boots were less than six months old, and the dress was brand-new! Could she have a serious problem?

EMILY IN ATLANTA

DEAR EMILY: Yes, but it's not what you think. It appears your mother regards you not as an individual, but as an extension of herself. Therefore, in her mind what is yours is really hers to do with as she wishes. She should not be giving away your possessions unless it's by mutual consent. And yes, it is a serious problem because it will negatively affect your relationship in the future, if it hasn't already.

DEAR ABBY: "Susan" and I have been married for many years. After our sons left for college, my wife began experiencing "empty-nest syndrome," so I surprised her with two cats. I'm not wild about cats, but I knew she'd be pleased. Big mistake!

Susan is constantly doting on her "babies" (as she calls them). Her time is spent brushing them, talking to them, playing with them and photographing them. When we do have a little feline-free time, it's spent talking about them. I have grown more and more annoyed with these spoiled cats who have 100 percent of her attention.

I have tried expressing my feelings, but she reminds me that I was the one who "adopted" them in the first place. Any suggestions?

HUBBY IN PURR-GATORY

DEAR HUBBY: You may have been the one who adopted the cats, but your wife has gone overboard. Tell her that unless she reorganizes her priorities and makes some time for her husband, her husband may adopt a "kitten" of his own.

DEAR ABBY: I am an 11-year-old girl. My brother, "Jason," and I have always been close friends. Summer, for me, means wearing tank tops and shorts, but Jason doesn't like the idea. He tells me I'm showing too much skin and that boys will stare at me.

I used to think Jason was silly. So far, he has liked only one of my outfits this summer. Now that I think about it, my shorts are pretty small. Is my brother just being protective? Or do you think I should try to wear clothes that don't show a lot of my skin?

STAYING COOL IN HARRISBURG, PA.

DEAR STAYING COOL: Not knowing your brother, I don't know what may be motivating him. I assume that when you are shopping for outfits, your mother has some input in what's being purchased. That's why I think you should address this question to her. She can tell you whether your brother is being overprotective or if his fashion sense is on target.

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Abby shares more than 100 of her favorite recipes in two booklets: "Abby's Favorite Recipes" and "More Favorite Recipes by Dear Abby." Send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $12 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby—Cookbooklet Set, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in price.)

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

I GUESS IF WE GET TO HAVE SNACKS, IT WOULD BE OK TO TIME TRAVEL. IF THEY'RE GOOD SNACKS, I MEAN.
GREAT! PUT ON YOUR VORTEX GOGGLES.
THE DIAL IS SET FOR 140 MILLION YEARS AGO, SO OFF WE GOOO!
I HAVE A QUESTION. WHY DON'T WE GET YOUNGER AS WE GO BACK IN TIME, AND DISAPPEAR AS WE PASS THE DAY WE WERE BORN?
I'D EXPLAIN IT, BUT THERE'S A LOT OF MATH.
I THOUGHT YOU GOT A "D" IN MATH.
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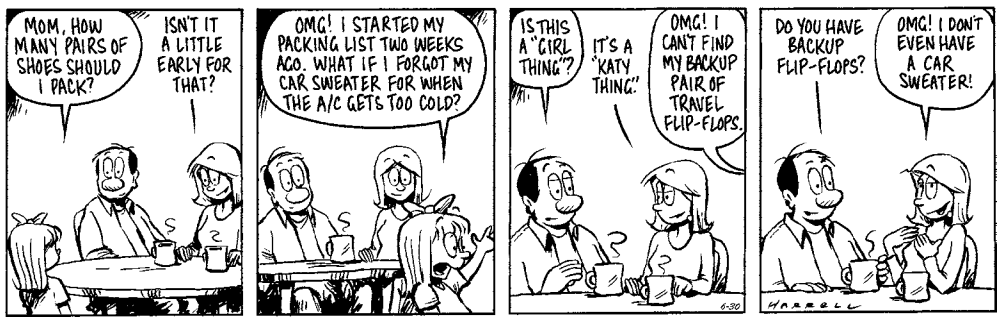
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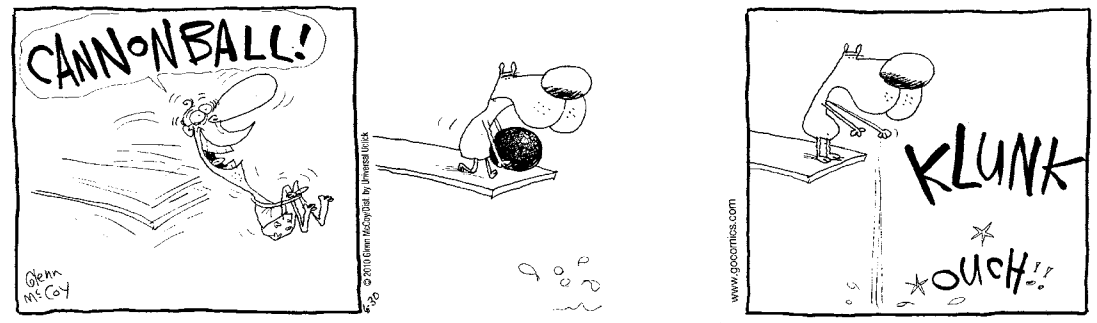
By Glenn McCoy



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By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

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4 First name of 8-Down
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8 Gyro holders
10 Invigorant
11 Morals
13 Arranges to win, maybe
16 Last Greek consonant
17 Procrastinator's reply
18 Siesta
19 Slithery
20 Some paintings
21 Mesa — National Park
23 "Odyssey" sorceress
25 Philbin's co-host
26 Family member
27 Lennon's lady
28 Exiles
30 Water (Fr.)
33 Puts up holly, perhaps
36 Certain Muslim
37 Letter after 16-Across
38 Tend the helm
39 Latvia's capital
40 Blunder
41 Attempt

DOWN

1 Porch
2 Grand story
3 Stopped the ball carrier
4 Church donation
5 Different
6 Hotel employee
7 Cookware
8 Heartbreakers' lead
9 Picturesque
10 Recipe meas.
12 Do, re, mi, fa, sol, la, ti, do
14 Bargain event
15 Some GI duties
19 Historic time
20 Scrap
21 Tarzan's transports
22 Geological periods
23 Adorable
24 Briefly
25 Scepter
26 Potok's "My Name Is — Lev"
28 Wicker willow
29 Say
30 Plaintive poem
31 Pond organism
32 Can. neighbor
34 Charlie Brown's nemesis, at times
35 Eastern potentate (Var.)

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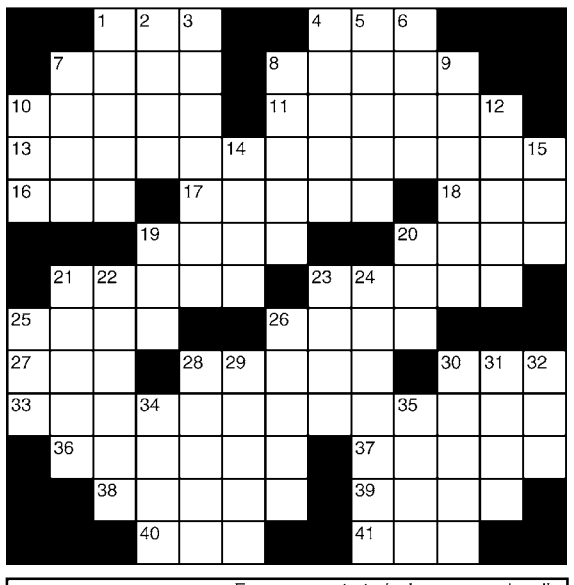

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ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Problems with institutions will prevail if you haven't done everything according to the rules. Don't let changes you cannot prevent unravel you. Just figure out how to make the alterations and challenges in your life work to your advantage. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Don't give in to anyone giving you an ultimatum. Stick to the people you know best and the places that bring you the most enjoyment. A job that you take responsibility for will be challenging. ✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Take everything you have experienced and learned in the past and utilize it to generate added income. A hobby, skill or talent may be worth more than you realize. Don't take a pass on something that may seem trivial at the time. ✪✪✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): The more you can do on your own, the better control you will have over your situation. Added responsibilities are apparent and should be dealt with consistently or you may be accused of favoritism. Don't let love cost you your reputation. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Don't let your emotions cost you. As soon as you are deceptive or refuse to see things the way they really are, you can expect to lose. Open communication is the only way to get what you want. Love is in the stars and can conquer all if handled right. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): If you have a talent or skill, put a price tag on it. An unusual sideline can be the determining factor between just making your monthly expenses and having a little left over for entertainment. ✪✪✪

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SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Deception is apparent when it comes to dealing with partners or with creative work that you share with someone. If you haven't laid down some ground rules, do so before it's too late. Don't lose someone or something because you didn't speak up. ✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Joint ventures may be enticing but, before you venture down that path, find out what everyone has to offer and don't exceed that amount. A partnership is likely to turn into a burden you can do without. ✪✪✪

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN RE THE ESTATE OF FRANCISCA SABLAN CELIS. Decedent. — CIVIL ACTION NO. 09-0187

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION RULES 11 & 16 COM.R.PRO.

Date : July 20, 2010
Time : 1:30 p.m.
Judge : Hon. Robert C. Naraja

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Petitioner, Maria S. Delos Santos, filed a Petition in the Superior Court praying that she appointed Administratix of the Estate of Francisca Sablan Celis, deceased to determine the heirs of the decedent and distribute any assets of decedent. The attorney of record is Colin M. Thompson, at PMB 917, Box 10001, Saipan, MP 96950.

The hearing on the Petition is set for **July 20, 2010**, in a courtroom of the Superior court, Susupe, Saipan, at **1:30 p.m.** All interested person should appear at this hearing.

All person having claims against the estate, or against the decedent should file their claims with the Clerk of Court for the Superior Court within sixty (60) days after the first publication of this notice.

Dated this 16th day of June, 2010.

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Roddick upset at Wimbledon by man ranked 82nd

WIMBLEDON, England (AP)—Andy Roddick's mood was subdued, his words curt.

Once again, he's leaving Wimbledon without the champion's trophy. Only this time, Roddick heads home much earlier than a year ago—and after being beaten by a far-less-accomplished opponent.

The No. 5-seeded American erased an early deficit to even his fourth-round match against 82nd-ranked Yen-hsu Lu of Taiwan, then got broken for the only time all day in the very last game and lost 4-6, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (4), 6-7 (5), 9-7 despite hitting 38 aces Monday.

"It never gets easier," said Roddick, a three-time runner-up at Wimbledon. "Of course I'm going to be (ticked) off when I wake up tomorrow. I mean, if you got fired from your job, you probably wouldn't wake up the next day in a great mood."

This one sure looked like a mismatch going in, and not only because Roddick won all three previous meetings in straight sets.

Roddick, after all, is a former No. 1 who won the 2003 U.S. Open and played in four other major finals, losing each to Roger Federer, including 16-14 in the fifth set at the All England Club in 2009.

And Lu? The guy arrived last week with a 6-18 career record in majors, including five consecutive first-round exits. He also lost in Wimbledon's first round the past four years. So even he had doubts as the match stretched beyond 4 1/2 hours.

"Fifth set, I don't believe I can win, because he's (a) better server than me," Lu said. "But I just tell myself, 'Even (if) I don't believe, I have to fight.'"

He pointed to the sky after ending the match with a forehand passing shot, dedicating the victory to his late father, a chicken farmer who died in 2000.

Lu's coach, Dirk Hordorff said: "Sometimes he's mentally not strong enough. But today he showed he was strong enough."

The second Monday at Wimbledon is one of the great spectacles in tennis, with all 32 remaining men and women in action, and there was quite an array of stars spread around the grounds. With the temperature moving into the 80s, and a cloudless sky, past Wimbledon champions Federer, Rafael Nadal and the Williams sisters all played—and won in straight sets.

AP

Taiwan's Lu Yen-Hsun returns to Andy Roddick of the U.S. at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon, Monday, June 28, 2010.

"A wonderful day for the fans," said Federer, who beat No. 16 Jurgen Melzer in the main stadium, then observed, "Obviously I know every corner of this Centre Court. It helps."

Serena Williams followed him out there and pounded 19 aces in her 7-6 (9), 6-4 victory over 2004 champion Maria Sharapova.

"I had a few looks at her serve," Sharapova said, "but even when you had a good look, and the ball's coming at you in the 120s (mph), it's pretty tough to do much with it."

In a matchup between former No. 1s and Grand Slam champions from Belgium who recently came out of retirement, No. 8 Kim Clijsters beat No. 17 Justine Henin 2-6, 6-2, 6-3. Henin slid and tumbled to the grass in the match's third game, jarring her right elbow, and wasn't the same the rest of the way.

Lleyton Hewitt, the 2002 winner at the All England Club, lost to 2008 Australian Open champion Novak Djokovic 7-5, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4, while two-time major finalist Andy Murray—Britain's hope for its first homegrown male champion since 1936—defeated No. 18 Sam Querrey of Santa Monica, Calif., 7-5, 6-3, 6-4 and is the only man yet to drop a set.

Lu's victory over Roddick was Monday's most significant surprise, by far, but it wasn't the only one.

The 62nd-ranked Petra Kvitova knocked off No. 3 Caroline Wozniacki, last year's U.S. Open runner-up, 6-2, 6-0; while No. 82 Tsvetana Pironkova eliminated No. 11 Marion Bartoli, the 2007 Wimbledon runner-up, 6-4, 6-4.

Kvitova and Pironkova each reached her first major quarterfinal. On Tuesday, Pironkova takes on five-time Wimbledon champion Venus Williams, and the 22-year-old Bulgarian is not likely to be too intimidated: She beat the American at the 2006 Australian Open.

The older Williams sister picked up a 6-4, 7-6 (5) victory Monday over 92nd-ranked Jarmila Groth, but this was no easy day of work. Williams showed up late at the office, strolling out at 12:09 p.m. for their scheduled noontime match, saying later she expected to be escorted to remote Court 2.

"I was waiting on someone to get me. No one came. So eventually I just came out," said Williams, who twice broke when Groth served for the second set. "I saw everyone else leave. I thought, 'OK, time to go.'"

It was a tight match, but Groth is far less experienced in these matters than Williams, who advanced to the 31st Grand Slam quarterfinal of her career - 31 more than Groth. At 5-all in the tiebreaker, Groth double-faulted to hand over a match point, then dumped a forehand into the net.

In the other quarterfinals, Clijsters faces No. 21 Vera Zvonareva, who advanced when No. 4 Jelena Jankovic quit because of a back injury; Kvitova plays 80th-ranked qualifier Kaia Kanepi; and Serena Williams meets No. 9 Li Na.

The men's quarterfinal matchups Wednesday will be top-seeded Federer vs. No. 12 Tomas Berdych; No. 2 Nadal vs. No. 6 Robin Soderling in a rematch of this month's French Open final; No. 3 Djokovic vs. Lu; and No. 4 Murray vs. No. 10 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga.

Nadal, the 2008 champion who was forced to five sets the previous two rounds, breezed past Paul-Henri Mathieu 6-4, 6-2, 6-2, showing no sign of being hampered by his bothersome right knee. Soderling edged No. 9 David Ferrer 6-2, 5-7, 6-2, 3-6, 7-5 to make the Wimbledon quarterfinals for the first time.

Lu is the only unseeded man left. Indeed, when Djokovic met with reporters after his victory—but while Roddick-Lu was still in progress—he was asked to size up a meeting against the American.

Who could have expected Lu to win? He didn't even earn a single break point against Roddick through the first three sets, yet led by virtue of being more solid in the match's first two tiebreakers.

"Through three sets I was playing horrendously, I mean really, really badly," Roddick said. "I was trying to think of how to put balls in the court. I think the fifth set was probably the best set that I played ... but when you dig yourself a hole, it's tough to get out."

By the end, Roddick had won more total points, 199-196. But Lu served much better than he had in their past matches, winning 101 of 124 points in his service games and saving 7 of 8 break points, including 3 of 3 in the final set.

He had one break point in the fourth set, which Roddick saved, and one in the fifth, at 8-7. Roddick began the last game by missing a forehand wide, then shanked another one. At 30-all, Roddick hit an apparent ace, but Lu challenged the call, and the replay showed it was a fault. Roddick's second serve came at 98 mph, and Lu drilled a return that forced Roddick into a forehand error.

Suddenly, it was match point, and Lu got back a 133 mph serve, then smacked a winner for his first victory over a top-10 opponent since defeating Murray in the first round at the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

Lu sat in his sideline chair, buried his face in a towel, and immediately thought of his late father, who used to take him to tennis lessons. After Lu became the first man from Taiwan to reach the fourth round at a Grand Slam, his mother and brother went to the hill where his father is buried to give him the good news.

After Monday's victory, Hordorff told his charge: "Now your family can go again, and tell him that you're in the last eight."

Roddick, meanwhile, was left to stew about what has to be one of the most disappointing losses of his career, given the tournament, the round and the opponent.

"He deserved to win more than I did," Roddick said. "That's for sure."

Police: Vick interviewed about VA. shooting

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (AP)—Michael Vick was interviewed by a detective Monday about a shooting that took place outside a nightclub where he had celebrated his birthday, a Virginia Beach Police spokesman said.

The spokesman, Adam Bernstein, said the Philadelphia Eagles' quarterback is not a suspect, and no arrest has been made in Friday's early morning shooting. One man was wounded.

Vick was accompanied on the police interview by his lawyer, Larry Woodward.

"He said he wasn't involved, he was gone before the shooting took place, and he doesn't know who did the shooting," Woodward said in a telephone interview.

Police have not identified the shooting victim, but several news outlets identified him as Quanis Phillips, one of the co-defendants in the dogfighting case that landed Vick in federal prison for 18 months. A hospital spokesman confirmed that Phillips was admitted to the hospital Friday morning and discharged that afternoon but refused to disclose his injuries, citing privacy laws.

Woodward said Vick did not invite Phillips to the party and had no contact with him there. Vick remains on three years' probation and is not allowed to associate with anyone convicted of a felony unless granted permission to do so by his probation officer.

An NFL spokesman said Monday the league is looking into the shooting and had no further comment. NFL commissioner Roger Goodell reinstated Vick after being suspended for two years last July, and said at the time that Vick's margin for error would be "extremely limited."

Woodward said Vick left the club Guadalajara at Town Center shopping center at least 10 minutes and perhaps as much as 20 minutes before the shooting, which occurred just after 2 a.m. The shooting victim and witnesses at first were uncooperative, according to police, but Bernstein said detectives have now interviewed several people.

Police have said witnesses described the shooter as a black man wearing a white tank top and driving a white Cadillac Escalade.

The Thursday night party was hyped on social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter as "Michael Vick's ALL WHITE 30th Birthday Bash." Tickets cost $50.

Vick, who is from nearby Newport News, was in the area conducting a football camp at Hampton University.

Giants waive Chris Davis after he fails physical

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP)—Kick returner Chris Davis didn't last very long with the New York Giants.

The Giants announced on Monday that they waived Davis after he failed his physical.

The Giants had claimed Davis on waivers last week in a move to get a veteran returner after Domenik Hixon suffered a major knee injury during a mandatory minicamp earlier in the month.

A 2007 fourth-round draft choice of the Tennessee Titans, Davis did not play in 2009 after injuring a hamstring in the Hall of Fame game against Buffalo. He played in 17 regular-season games for the Titans, catching seven passes for 68 yards. He averaged 9.1 yards on 33 punt returns and 26.0 yards on six kickoff returns.

Davis was signed by Cincinnati in March and was waived last week.

Braves down Nationals and Strasburg, 5-0

ATLANTA (AP)— The Atlanta Braves broke through for four runs in the seventh against the Washington Nationals' star rookie Stephen Strasburg's on their way to a 5-0 victory Monday.

Strasburg (2-2) had no help from his offense as he gave up six hits and four runs, three earned, in 6 1-3 innings. The Nationals have scored one run in Strasburg's last three starts.

His previous high for runs allowed was two in his debut, a 5-2 win over Pittsburgh on June 8.

He struck out seven, leaving him two shy of Herb Score's record of 50 in his first five starts. Strasburg has two losses and a no-decision after winning his first two starts.

Hudson (8-3) gave up five hits for the NL East-leading Braves, who drew 42,889, their second-largest crowd of the season.

AP

Atlanta Braves' Eric Hinske drives in a run with a sacrifice fly in the seventh inning of a baseball game against the Washington Nationals on Monday, June 28, 2010 in Atlanta.

Rockies 10, Padres 6

At San Diego, Ubaldo Jimenez held San Diego hitless into the sixth inning and Miguel Olivo, Carlos Gonzalez and Ryan Spilborghs each hit a two-run homer as Colorado beat San Diego.

Seth Smith added a solo homer for the Rockies, who have won five of seven.

Jimenez (14-1), the major league wins leader who threw a no-hitter April 17 at Atlanta, lost his bid for another no-no in the sixth when he allowed four runs on four hits, including Scott Hairston's three-run homer off the facade of the second deck in left field.

The right-hander won his eighth straight decision, tying Jeff Francis' team record set in 2007. His ERA rose from 1.60 to 1.83, tying him with Florida's Josh Johnson for best in the big leagues.

Olivo also hit a two-run double off Kevin Correia (5-6) and finished a triple shy of the cycle.

Dodgers 4, Giants 2

At San Francisco, Casey Blake hit a go-ahead homer in the eighth inning and Manny Ramirez had an RBI double among his three hits as Los Angeles edged San Francisco.

Blake connected for his eighth home run with a two-run drive off Santiago Casilla (1-2) and the Dodgers matched a Los Angeles record with five double plays on the way to their fourth victory in 11 games.

Jeff Weaver (5-1) pitched a scoreless seventh in relief of Chad Billingsley, working out of a jam with runners on first and third and no outs.

Hong-Chih Kuo filled in as closer, escaping trouble for his second save. Juan Uribe drew a one-out walk and Aaron Rowand singled to put runners on the corners. Buster Posey struck out and Edgar Renteria flied out to end it.

Marlins 10, Mets 3

At San Juan, Puerto Rico, Cody Ross homered and had three hits, Ricky Nolasco pitched seven solid innings as Florida beat New York to give interim manager Edwin Rodriguez a sweet homecoming in Puerto Rico.

Chris Coghlan and Mike Stanton also homered for the Marlins, who handed knuckleballer R.A. Dickey (6-1) his first loss in eight major league starts this season.

Back in March, Major League Baseball moved this series from Miami, where the Marlins draw sparse crowds, to Hiram Bithorn Stadium in San Juan.

Rodriguez, who was managing Florida's top farm team a week ago, took over the big club when Fredi Gonzalez was fired Wednesday, becoming the first major league manager born in Puerto Rico. Days later, he got a chance to come home with his new squad — and what a homecoming it was.

Rodriguez lives about five minutes from the ballpark. There were pockets of empty seats, however, in the announced crowd of 18,073.

Nolasco (7-6) struck out nine and walked none. He allowed four hits, including two homers by Jason Bay.

Florida took control with a four-run rally in the third, started by Nolasco's leadoff double.

Reds 7, Phillies 3

At Cincinnati, Scott Rolen hit his 300th homer and Johnny Cueto pitched eight strong innings as Cincinnati downed Philadelphia.

The Reds won for the sixth time in seven games, keeping them atop the NL Central. It's the latest they have been in first place since 1999.

Rolen hit a two-run shot in the fourth off Kyle Kendrick (4-3) and added a sacrifice fly.

Cueto (8-2) retired only two batters the previous time he faced the Phillies last July 6, setting the Reds on course for a 22-1 drubbing that was the worst in franchise history. This time, he allowed six hits and one run.

Cardinals 6, Diamondbacks 5

At St. Louis, Arizona blew a two run lead and handed the victory to St. Louis after a series of throwing errors in the ninth allowed three runs to score.

Relief pitcher Aaron Heilman (2-2) threw wildly to third base trying to catch the lead runner on pinch-hitter Adam Wainwright's sacrifice bunt and one run scored on the play.

First baseman Adam LaRoche bobbled the ball before uncorking a throw in the dirt in an attempt to prevent the tying run from scoring on Skip Schumaker's RBI groundout. Wainwright continued around to score the winning run from second with a slide.

Jason Motte (3-2) allowed Mark Reynolds' two-run homer in the eighth and worked out of a two-out, two-on jam in the ninth.

Diamondbacks starter Dan Haren hit a go-ahead homer in the seventh off Chris Carpenter and shut down the Cardinals until getting pulled after Yadier Molina and Brendan Ryan singled to open the ninth.

Pirates 2, Cubs 1

At Chicago, Paul Maholm pitched a season-high eight innings, Jose Tabata hit a go-ahead double in the ninth as Pittsburgh ended a 17-game road losing streak with a win over Chicago.

The last time the Pirates won on the road was May 25 in a 2-1 victory at Cincinnati. It was their third win in 21 games overall.

The Cubs dropped to 2-8 against last-place Pittsburgh this season and are 10 games below .500.

Maholm (5-6) allowed one run and seven hits. He did not walk a batter.

Before the game, Carlos Zambrano was placed on the restricted list and the Cubs expect to be without the hot-tempered pitcher until at least the All-Star break.

Astros 9, Brewers 5

At Milwaukee, Houston overcame a four-run deficit with the help of Pedro Feliz's RBI double in a victory over Milwaukee.

Houston trailed by four runs after two innings but got three to tie the game in the sixth, then added a pair in the seventh on Feliz's double and an RBI single by Jason Bourgeois.

Corey Hart had three hits and two RBIs for Milwaukee, while Ryan Braun hit his 11th home run. But the Astros' bullpen held the Brewers scoreless from the fourth inning on.

It was a big night for Houston's Michael Bourn, who had four hits, including his first home run of the season in the third and an RBI single in the sixth.

Gustavo Chacin (1-0) pitched a scoreless sixth to earn the win. Todd Coffey (2-2) took the loss.

Tigers 7, Twins 5

At Minneapolis, Brennan Boesch and Miguel Cabrera hit two-run doubles in the first inning as the Detroit Tigers beat the Minnesota Twins.

Tigers reliever Joel Zumaya left the game in the eighth inning after falling to the ground in pain after throwing a pitch.

Jeremy Bonderman (4-5) allowed four runs and nine hits in 5 1-3 innings. Jose Valverde relieved Zumaya and got five outs for his 18th straight save.

Jim Thome of the Twins homered and had his first triple in more than six years. Minnesota hit into three double plays to increase their major league-leading total to 88.

Royals 3, White Sox 1

At Kansas City, Missouri, Anthony Lerew threw six solid innings for his first major league victory and Billy Butler drove in two runs as Kansas City downed Chicago.

The White Sox lost their second straight after an 11-game winning streak ended Sunday. It was just their third defeat in 18 games.

Lerew (1-1), a rookie right-hander making his eighth major league start and 17th appearance, allowed one run and three hits. It was the Royals' fourth win in five games.

Carlos Quentin's 13th homer in the fourth inning was the only run Lerew allowed.

Butler's two-out single in the second scored Kendall, giving the Royals a 3-0 lead.

Indians 2, Blue Jays 1

At Cleveland, Jake Westbrook pitched six solid innings and Jayson Nix's suicide squeeze bunt in the sixth scored the go-ahead run for Cleveland over Toronto.

The Indians, who broke a seven-game losing streak Sunday, won consecutive games for the first time since winning four straight June 9-12. The Blue Jays have lost six of eight.

Westbrook (5-4), who allowed a run in the first inning, was pulled after Lyle Overbay led off the seventh with a single. Westbrook gave up six hits, struck out four and walked one.

Travis Hafner was hit by a pitch in the sixth and took third on Jhonny Peralta's double. After a groundout, Hafner broke for home on an 0-1 pitch to Nix, who bunted toward the mound. Romero's toss fell short of the plate as Hafner slid home to break the 1-1 tie.

Colangelo says 'it's likely' Bosh will leave

General manager Bryan Colangelo said Monday "it's likely" that free agent forward Chris Bosh will leave the Toronto Raptors.

Colangelo told radio station Fan590 in Toronto that the Raptors still hope to keep the All-Star forward, but if Bosh does want to leave, he will try to work a sign-and-trade arrangement that could help both sides.

"As we look at Chris as a potential free agent, our own free agent, wanting to re-sign him, I still have that intention and desire," Colangelo said. "But it's becoming more and more clear that that's not going to happen. Now we need to decide what the best way is to come out of this."

A sign-and-trade would allow Bosh to get an extra year on his contract while enabling the Raptors to receive something in return for losing him. If Bosh simply signs with another team, it could cost him about $30 million.

Colangelo confirmed that Bosh did not exercise his option for next season, making him a free agent. He joins the class that will include LeBron James and Dwyane Wade, and Bosh has long been considered the likeliest to leave, with Miami and Chicago often considered the favorites.

Colangelo said he has been in contact with Bosh's agent, Henry Thomas, but not as much lately with Bosh, who has been traveling.

"We will get to a point where there's a conclusion to this one way or the other," Colangelo said.

The New York Knicks have enough money to afford two maximum salary players, the Bulls are close, and the Heat can add one while keeping Wade. With so many teams in such good position heading into free agency, Colangelo knew it would be tough to keep Bosh, who he said loves the city of Toronto.

"It's the perfect storm for Chris Bosh to leave and unfortunately we're possibly going to be on the short end of that, but we will evolve," Colangelo said. "We will have to evolve and move forward." ***(AP)***

Easy wins for Runnin' Rebels, Hi-5

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The O'Doul's Runnin' Rebels and Bacardi Mojito Hi-5 leaned on a second-quarter breakaway to cruise to easy victories in the 2010 Budweiser Men's Basketball League on Monday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Hi-5 played in the curtain-raiser and clobbered the Michelob Ultra Sixers, 102-67, while in the nightcap, the Runnin' Rebels defeated the Budweiser Saints, 73-62. Hi-5 gained its second straight victory after losing its debut against Becks 670, while the Runnin' Rebels made it to the win column, following a 0-2 start.

The Runnin' Rebels led by only a deuce at the end of the first period, 19-17, when they stepped on the pedal in the second period for a 39-25 advantage at the break.

Jesus Iguel led the Rebels' breakaway in the second canto, scoring eight straight points, while Syl Teregeyo and Wes Tomokane combined for 10 markers.

The Saints failed to keep pace with the Runnin' Rebels in the second period when the former logged only three field goals on L.J. Reyes' triple and a layup apiece from Juan Camacho and Jomary Tumaquip.

The Runnin' Rebels padded their lead to as much as 20 in the third quarter, 53-33, before the Saints launched a comeback at the start of the fourth canto. The Runnin' Rebels were held to two field goals in the first four minutes of the final canto, while L.J. Reyes canned back-to-back triples to cap a 12-4 and move the Saints within nine, 51-60.

However, the Runnin' Rebels regained their footing with a short 5-0 run. Denard Norita hit a short jumper, Iguel made a split from the foul line, and Leroy Rangamar drilled two free throws to bring the lead back to double digits, 65-51, with less than four minutes left on the clock.

The Saints made repeated comeback bids since then, but they just could not get through the nine-point barrier.

In the first half, Hi-5 got off to an early double-digit lead at the end of the first quarter, 21-11, and then had the game in the bag in the second period when it led, 48-20. Hi-5 posted its biggest advantage in the third period, 76-36.

Dave Sablan top-scored for Hi-5 with 25 points, while Kae Bernardo and Sonny Lerio chipped in 22 and 14, respectively.

Matt Duenas had 22 points for the Sixers, who absorbed their third straight loss in as many games.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
O'Doul's Runnin' Rebels' Leroy Rangamar is trapped in the baseline by two Budweiser Sainst defenders during their game in the Budweiser caging on Monday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

First Game

Hi-5 102 – Sablan 25, Bernardo 22, Lerio 14, Lauron 8, Villacrusis 7, Abuel 6, Moises 6, Capalad 4, Demapan 4, Santos 4.

Sixers 67 – M. Duenas 22, White 14, E. Duenas 8, Ada 8, Masga 4, Flores 3, Cabrera 4, Gangco 2, Sablan 2.

Scoring by quarters: 21-11, 48-20, 76-36, 102-67.

Second Game

Runnin' Rebels 73 – Olaitiman 15, Iguel 14, De Vero 11, Rangamar 9, Tomokane 9, Norita 6, Teregeyo 6, Marciano 3.

Saints 62 – L.J. Reyes 17, Camacho 16, Tumaquip 9, Hocog 8, Manibusan 6, Lu. Reyes 3, La. Reyes 3.

Scoring by quarters: 19-27, 39-25, 56-39, 73-62.

RGA June Ace, July qualifier this Saturday

The Refaluwasch Golf Association June Ace tournament will coincide with the July Ace qualifier, as both tournaments hit the greens of Coral Ocean Point this Saturday.

There is a no score to beat in the June Ace tournament, as RGA failed to hold a qualifier for this month due to a busy schedule. RGA president Jordon Kosam said winner of the June Ace tournament will automatically get the sixth monthly plum and qualify for the club championship.

In the July qualifier, victor of the weekend event will move a step closer to the monthly title. If the score of July qualifier winner is unbeaten, he gets to take home the July Ace award and join previous monthly winners Jun Yi Piao (January), Joe Saures (February), Nick Leon Guerrero (March), Carl Hocog (April), and Xian Lai Cue (May).

Check-in time for this weekend tournaments is 11am, while tee-time is set for 12pm.

Meanwhile, RGA is reminding monthly ace winners to meet the 12 required tournaments to qualify for the RGA Club Championships this December.

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MACARANAS

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because he gave it away, in what was a sure victory. It was over 100 degrees in that desert course and it was tough just being outside under the sun," R.J's father, Richard, said in an e-mail to *Saipan Tribune*.

From La Quinta, R.J. traveled to Long Beach for the Crosby Memorial Championship on June 23 and there he redeemed himself with a solo first place finish, beating 12 other youth golfers.

"He was 2 over par, but still had a three- stroke win over two second place finishers," the older Macaranas said.

This week, R.J. will be competing in three events—the La Mirada Championship (June 29), Desert Horizons Championship at Indian Wells (June 30-July 1), and the Len Kennet Championship at Lakewood CC (July 2).

"We played a practice round at La Mirada for the first time today (Monday), and saw that the course has many slopes that makes it a good test and warm up for a similar layout at Rancho Bernardo CC for the Junior World Championships. We are noticing that the competition is tightening up with many world championship players arriving early and participating in Southern California PGA events," Richard said.

The Junior World Championship will be played at Rancho Bernardo in San Diego from July 13 to 15. R.J.'s next world championship event is the U.S. Kids World Championships, which will take place at the Legacy in North Carolina from Aug. 5 to 7.

'Thank you to Fil-Taga'

Meanwhile, the Macaranas family had already learned about the Fil-Taga donation to R.J.

"I want to thank Fil-Taga for their $500 donation, and for selecting R.J. and Chamorro World Champion club for their support. This is exactly what we prayed for. It is always difficult to find money that allows us to compete, but every year we are becoming stronger and stronger managing the junior golf tour," Richard said.

"I want to thank all of our supporters for solving a great deal of our problems, and giving us the opportunity to win many championships for the CNMI, and someday return the favor and bring home more love for the game of golf. R.J. is usually shy about being in the news, and really does not get what he wants in golf, but what he is receiving is everything that he needs like strength to battle difficult situations, wisdom to solve problems, courage to overcome danger, and love to help people," he added.

MICRO

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fino Aguon makes the final cut next month.

The complete list submitted to meet the June 30 deadline is expected to be released next week when NMASA holds its monthly meeting.

NMASA meeting July 8

NMASA will have its meeting on July 8 instead of the original schedule of July 1 (first Thursday of the month), as White is scheduled to leave this week to attend the Oceania National Olympic Committee meeting.

At the NMASA meeting, the CNMI is expected to have a clearer picture on how many delegates are going to Palau.

Initially, NMASA estimated the CNMI will have more than 100 athletes and officials in Palau.

BRAZIL

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Portugal—take place Tuesday. Uruguay and Ghana were the first teams to qualify for the quarterfinals and they also meet on Friday.

Argentina and Germany qualified Sunday, but only after refereeing mistakes that FIFA is refusing to comment on.

FIFA spokesman Nicolas Maingot faced hostile questioning from reporters, but said it was "obviously not the place" to debate refereeing errors or the merits of video technology.

TV replays showed that England was denied a goal against Germany on Sunday when Frank Lampard's shot bounced down from the crossbar and over the goal line. Uruguayan referee Jorge Larrionda waved away the 38th-minute non-goal, which would have leveled the game at 2-2. Germany went on to win 4-1.

Later Sunday, Argentina's first goal in a 3-1 win against Mexico was scored by Carlos Tevez from an offside position, but was allowed by Italian referee Roberto Rosetti after he consulted his assistant. Mexico players protested to the match officials after seeing replays on a stadium giant screen, which showed the infringement.

Guus Hiddink called on FIFA president Sepp Blatter to step down if he doesn't introduce video technology.

"Sepp Blatter should announce tomorrow that video replay will be implemented or he needs to resign," said Hiddink, one of the world's most respected coaches.

The organization that represents players around the world also demanded that referees be given the most modern tools to do their job.

"We can do it, the football world wants it and yet it is still being thwarted. That is unacceptable," FIFPro spokesman Tijs Tummers said.

Blatter hasn't commented publicly since attending both controversial games, where he witnessed the refereeing errors. But he has strongly opposed introducing any video technology to help referees.

At least one Germany player called for new goalline technology.

"If there is a possibility to use good technology, such as goal cameras or balls with chips, then maybe it should be used," striker Miroslav Klose said. "I am not sure about video replays but if you have a chip in the ball that sends a signal to the referee's ear or beeps, then why not. If you can have it in other sports, why not in football."

German media hailed its young team and reveled in belated revenge for a disputed goal 44 years ago that put England on course for its only title. England famously won the 1966 final at Wembley 4-2 after extra time although the Germans remain convinced the second goal of Geoff Hurst's unique hat trick never crossed the line.

More bad news surrounding the England camp was revealed Monday. Five workers at the luxury hotel where England stayed during the World Cup were convicted of stealing cash, football shirts, a medal and underwear, police said. The five workers from the hotel near Rustenburg, northwest of Johannesburg, were sentenced to three years in prison.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDING

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	47	28	.627	—
Boston	46	31	.597	2
Tampa Bay	44	31	.587	3
Toronto	40	37	.519	8
Baltimore	23	52	.307	24

Central Division

Detroit	41	34	.547	—
Minnesota	41	35	.539	1/2
Chicago	39	36	.520	2
Kansas City	33	44	.429	9
Cleveland	28	47	.373	13

West Division

Texas	46	29	.613	—
Los Angeles	43	35	.551	4 1/2
Oakland	37	40	.481	10
Seattle	31	44	.413	15

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Atlanta	45	32	.584	—
New York	43	33	.566	1 1/2
Philadelphia	40	34	.541	3 1/2
Florida	36	40	.474	8 1/2
Washington	33	44	.429	12

Central Division

Cincinnati	43	34	.558	—
St. Louis	42	34	.553	1/2
Milwaukee	34	42	.447	8 1/2
Chicago	33	43	.434	9 1/2
Houston	30	47	.390	13
Pittsburgh	26	50	.342	16 1/2

West Division

San Diego	45	31	.592	—
Los Angeles	41	35	.539	4
San Francisco	40	35	.533	4 1/2
Colorado	40	36	.526	5
Arizona	30	47	.390	15 1/2

Yesterday's Games

Florida 10, N.Y. Mets 3
Cincinnati 7, Philadelphia 3
Atlanta 5, Washington 0
Pittsburgh 2, Chicago Cubs 1
Houston 9, Milwaukee 5
St. Louis 6, Arizona 5
Colorado 10, San Diego 6
L.A. Dodgers 4, San Francisco 2
Cleveland 2, Toronto 1
Kansas City 3, Chicago White Sox 1
Detroit 7, Minnesota 5

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LOCAL SCORES

BUDWEISER CAGING STANDINGS

CNMI Nationals	3	0
Ol'Aces	2	0
Hoegaarden IT&E	2	1
Becks 670	2	1
Bacardi Hi-5	2	1
Runnin' Rebels	1	2
Budweiser Saints	0	2
Bud Ice Rollers	0	3
Michelob Sixers	0	3

Rollers down Sixers in UBA caging, 84-77

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The Rollers dominated the Sixers, 84-77, in Monday night's UBA U18 caging at the Garapan Basketball Court.

Zack Tudela led the way for the Rollers with 10 points in the first half. He received help from teammate Brandon Aulerio, who drained a couple of threes and finished with eight first half points.

The Sixers' Joe Ada started late, but still led his team with 11 points in the opening period and teammate Ian Benavente chipped in with seven more.

At the half the Rollers held a six-point lead, 44-38, and they finished strong in the second half to slam the door on the Sixers.

WALTER SUTHERLAND
The Rollers A squad pose for a team photo after their match against the Sixers in the UBA Youth Basketball League Monday night at the Garapan Basketball Court.

Ada came alive in the final period with 21 more points and three bombs from downtown, but the Sixers defense could not stop the bleeding to overcome the deficit.

For the Rollers, Aulerio popped his third triple of the night on his way to add eight more points in the second half and teammate Donovan Brennan came up big off the bench late in the game. He tallied an 11-point bunch during the final minutes of play.

The Rollers played solid defense and created a lot of turnovers with their full court press. Both teams played aggressively, but the Rollers found more high percentage shots near the basket than their opponents.

The Rollers held close to a double-digit lead for the majority of the last half, but they let up a little on the Sixers near the end that allowed them to apply some padding to the final score.

The second U18 game of the evening was rained out and will be rescheduled.

Rollers 84 – Aulerio 16, Brennan 15, Tudela 14, Hambros 11, Palacios 8, Talalemotu 8, Norita 6, Aughenbaugh 5, Cruz 2.

Sixers 77 – Ada 32, Benavente 11, Palacios 8, Castro 7, Fleming 6, Metran 6, Erbanles 4, Flores 3.

Scoring by halves: 44-38, 84-77.

Saipan bowlers take part in East Asian Tenpin tourney

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A six-member Saipan team made up of Raymond Angeles, Alex Castro, Simon Manacop, Percy Omechelang, Raymond Zapanta, and Ruselle Zapanta competed in the 24th East Asian Tenpin Bowling Championship held from June 7 to 13 at the Central Lanes Bowling Center, Century Plaza in Tamuning, Guam.

The men competed in the singles, doubles, trio, men's team, and Men's All Events categories throughout the week-long contest, where they ran into some very stiff competition from teams from Chinese-Taipei, Guam, Japan, Korea, and Macau.

In Men's All Events competition, Manacop, who finished 10 positions shy of the cut list in 26th place, led the Saipan team in the standings at 781 pins behind the leader.

Raymond Zapanta finished close behind in 28th place, 809 pins behind. Angeles, Ruselle Zapanta, and Castro finished out in 30th, 31st, and, 32nd—907, 947, and 988 respectively pins behind the winner from Chinese Taipei, .

Nien-Hua Yang topped the leaderboard with an impressive 217.13 per-game average and a grand total score of 5,221.

In the men's singles division the Saipan representatives fell short of making the cut for match play competition.

Ruselle led the Saipan team, finishing in 22nd place and eight places shy of the cut-off, with a 173.33 per-game average and a 1,040 series score. Raymond Zapanta finished right behind him in 23rd place with a 171.83 average and a 1,031 series tally. In 24th place, Omechelang finished out with a per-game average of 170.67 and a 1,024 series score. Angeles finished in 28th place with a 168 average and a 1,008 series score. Manacop finished 33rd with a 161 average and a 966 series total and Alex Castro brought up the rear with a 149 average and an 894 series score.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Saipan bowlers Raymond Angeles, Alex Castro, Simon Manacop, Percy Omechelang, Raymond Zapanta, and Ruselle Zapanta took part in the 24th East Asian Tenpin Bowling Championship held earlier this month in Guam. Also in photo is team manager Ross Zapanta.

Guam's Manny Tagle was the first seed heading into matchplay with a 1,307 six-game series score and a 217.83 average, but was defeated by Chinese-Taipei's Hsing Chao Cheng, 186-168. Yang then took the gold after defeating Cheng, 226-210, in the finals.

In trio play, Castro, Omechelang, and Manacop placed 11th in the pool of 12 teams, 365 pins behind the top qualifiers from Chinese-Taipei. Castro and the Zapanta brothers finished behind their teammates in last place, 383 pins behind the leaders.

Notably, Chinese-Taipei was ranked in first going into matchplay with a 3,622 total score, but the fourth-seeded trio from Guam upset them in the final round of matchplay. Guam's Reynaldo Zialcita, Manny Tagle, and Jay Leon Guerrero beat the Chinese-Taipei trio, 589-563, and then went on to defeat the second seeded trio from Macau in a one ball roll-off after the two squads tallied an even 568 series. Tied at 568 in gold medal match play, Guerrero threw a strike that bested Macau's Lo Fai Cho's six-pin effort for the big upset win.

In doubles play, the Zapanta brothers finished just 14th out of a pool of 18 teams, 384 pins behind the leaders.

Castro and Manacop finished right behind them at 424 pins behind the top seed and Angeles and Omechelang finished next to last at 451 pins behind.

Top seeded Cha Im Ho and Kim Dong Gyun from Korea dominated the doubles competition. They came into matchplay in first with a 2,601 series score and kept it going with a 468-333 blowout over Chinese-Taipei in the gold medal matchplay.

The Saipan group as a whole finished in last place in the overall men's team event out of the six international teams, 734 pins behind top team, Chinese-Taipei. Third seeded Korea upset Japan, 1,065-1,048, in the final round of matchplay, but fell short against the Chinese-Taipei squad, 978-934, in the gold medal match.

All systems go for July 11 opening of Freemasonry caging

Freemasonry Basketball League Committee chair Bong Malasarte has assured basketball lovers on island that the much anticipated 2010 Freemasonry Inter-Color Basketball League would kick off on July 11 at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The First Freemasonry basketball league was originally set to get underway last June 27, but was postponed for a couple of weeks because the uniforms of the participating teams were still not available, according to Malasarte.

"We want to start this basketball league on the right foot and that was the reason why we decided to just push the opening two more weeks to give participating teams time to get their uniforms," he said.

But before any of the all teams parade with their new uniforms on opening day, Malasarte has scheduled a final meeting for all team representatives this Friday, July 2, 6pm at the J's Restaurant at Middle Road, Gualo Rai.

Malasarte said that it is very important that a representative from each participating team attend Friday's meeting, since the final preparations for the opening would be discussed. He also reminded participating teams to submit their final team rosters, final design and name of team sponsor, and entrance fee as soon as possible.

He also reminded participating teams they will distribute free uniforms to all participating teams.

For more information on the 2010 Freemasonry Inter-Color Basketball League, contact Malasarte at 287-5525 or email him at bong@malasarte.com. ***(PR)***

Saipan Summer Tennis to serve as warm-up for CNMI netters

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Tennis players representing the CNMI to regional events this year will have a tune-up tournament via the Saipan Summer Tennis Open 2010.

The Saipan Summer Tennis Open 2010 is organized by Loyola Sports Promotion and will run from July 9 to 11 at the American Memorial Park and Fiesta Resort & Spa tennis courts. It will feature players representing the CNMI to the 7th Micronesian Games in Palau and the 2010 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships in Fiji.

CNMI Men's National Team members Jeff Race, Todd Montgomery, and Peter Loyola are entered in the men's open division. Also on the list are Bobby Cruz and former youth player Ralph Buenaventura. Interested players are encouraged to register in the men's open division to play against the CNMI netters.

Playing in the women's open are Lydia Tan, Mayuko Arriola, and Jodel Fernandez. Kaina Aikawa, who is also a member of the CNMI Women's National Team and the defending gold medalist in the Micro Games, would not be able to compete in the Summer Tennis, as she will arrive on Saipan later next month.

The two other divisions in the tune-up tournament will be for CNMI players in the U12, U14, and U18 age groups.

Entered in the junior boys division are Rafael Jones, Christian Miller, Chris Cajigan, Carl Dela Cruz, and Jake Lee. Jones is the CNMI's representative to the North Pacific U18 Team in the POJC, which will run from July 26 to 30 in Lautoka. Miller and Lee will be playing in the U14 division in Fiji, while Cajigan and Dela Cruz will join the U14 division.

In the junior girls, leading the list is U18 qualifier Thea Minor. Joining her are Melody Johnson, Mikayla Lopez, and Negahr Rastguiy. Johnson and Lopez will be playing for the North Pacific's U14 team, while Rastguiy is the squad's bet in the U12 division.

Other CNMI junior players are urged to join the junior boys and girls divisions to help prepare the Commonwealth's team that will challenge the best players from the region in Fiji next month.

TSL Foundation and Marianas Medical Center are supporting the Summer Tennis Open. Interested companies/individuals wishing to become sponsors of the tournament are welcome and can call Loyola at 285-3135 or via e-mail pbloyola@yahoo.com.

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Peter Loyola, seen here going for a backhand return during a training session at the Pacific Islands Club, will be competing against his CNMI teammates in next week's Saipan Summer Tennis Open 2010.

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Macaranas tops two golf tourneys

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CNMI golfer R.J. Macaranas started his preparations for two world championship tournaments on a bright note after winning two events in California.

Macaranas, who had 19 events lined up for this summer, first played in the Desert Series at the Indian Springs Golf Club in La Quinta on June 14 and 15 and finished first with a 3-over par 75.

"He ended up tied for first place. He had a three-shot lead going to the 13th hole. He birdied the 9th and 10th holes, but on the 18th hole he must have thought he was invincible because instead of laying up on the second shot of the par-5 hole, facing 200 yards, he took his 3-wood and played the riskier shot with water hazard on the right side of the green, and paid the price with a stroke penalty in the hazard. We were mixed with emotions,

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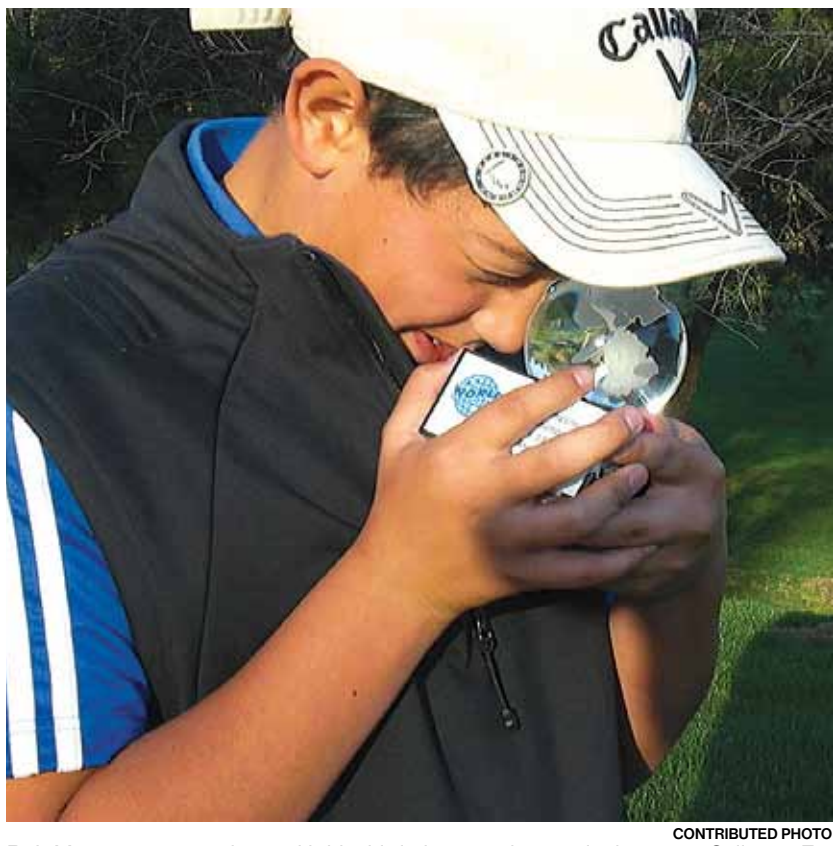

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R.J. Macaranas, seen here with his third place trophy won in the 2009 Callaway Future Champions Golf World Championship, won two tournaments this month, boosting his confidence for two world championship events in July and August.

Micro Games registration deadline today

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Athletes competing in the 7th Micronesian Games have until today to register for the quadrennial event that will be held in Palau from Aug. 1 to 10.

Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association, which is in charge of registration of CNMI athletes to the Micro Games, said majority of local sports federations have already submitted their roster several days before the deadline.

NMASA president Michael White said federations, which had already met the requirements for registration, are lawn tennis, table tennis, men's basketball, canoe, spearfishing, triathlon, and swimming.

White added that as of Monday night, he has yet to get the list of athletes from athletics and the women's basketball team. In baseball, he has only half of the players' list and the team officials.

Sports federations can register as many athletes as they would want to and can later trim down the list. However, those who are not in the initial list or last-minute entries will not be accepted.

So far, only the roster for tennis, table tennis, triathlon, and spearfishing were made available to the media. Tennis has Jeff Race, Peter Loyola, Todd Montgomery, Bobby Cruz, Lydia Tan, Mayuko Arriola, Jodel Fernandez, and Kana Aikawa. Playing for the CNMI table tennis team are Budhi Gurung, Luke Lu Jun, and Su Yong Dong, while the CNMI triathlon squad is composed of Mieko Carey, Lewie Tenorio, Matt Mancao, and Kieran Daly. Spearfishing has Felix Sasamoto, Morito Asai, and Derek San Nicolas.

The CNMI men's basketball team has listed more than 10 players, but a few of them are expected to be dropped from the list when coach Ru-

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Ruselle rules June roll-off; Soll, Aldan win

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Ruselle Zapanta showed no love lost to brother Raymond when the former beat the latter for the 2010 Budweiser King of the Lanes monthly title last Monday at the Saipan Bowling Center.

Ruselle carded a four-game total of 863 pinfalls for a 101-pinfall win over Raymond, who tallied only 762 after four games. The older Zapanta was consistent with his game at SBC, knocking down more than 200 pins in all four games. He started the monthly roll-off with 215 pinfalls, before slowing down in Game 2 with 203 pinfalls. Ruselle then played his best in Game 3 with 235 pinfalls before closing out with 210 in Game 4 for an average of 215.75.

Raymond registered more than 200 pinfalls only once when he posted 213 in Game 3. He had 193 and 198 in Games 1 and 2 and ended the round a bit flat with a 158 in Game 4 for an average of 190.50

Day 1 roll-off leader Raymond Angeles, who scored 756 pinfalls last Sunday, settled for third place. He tallied 195 and 184 pinfalls in Games 1 and 2, showed his toughest form in Game 3 (199), and then finished with 178 pinfalls in Game 4.

Zapanta

Soll

Aldan

Angeles' third-place finish foiled a Zapanta brothers' sweep of the Top 3 places, as Raphael fell to fourth place with his 755 pinfalls.

In the Budweiser Queen of the Lanes monthly tiara, Elena Soll started strong en route to a first place finish.

Soll logged 217 pinfallsin Game 1, then posted 179, 184, and 153 in the last three games for a four-game total of 733 pinfalls and average of 183.25.

Yho Villavicencio was the runner-up with her 690 pinfalls, while Ron Cal completed the Top 3 with her 667 pinfalls.

Soll won the monthly crown after joining the second roll-off last Monday. In the first roll-off last Sunday, she collected only 554 pinfalls, which was the sixth best. Villavicencio topped the first roll-off after drilling 642 pinfalls.

In the Fiji Water Prince/Princess of the Lanes tournament, M.J. Aldan bested five other youth keglers.

Villavicencio totaled 633 pinfalls and averaged 158.25 pinfalls in four games to beat Troy Verdaguer, who fired 616 pinfalls for an average of 154 pinfalls.

Others who joined the youth roll-off were Leanne Yarobwemal (614), Marion McKenzie (508), Ryan Batac (314), and Toby Verdaguer (288).

Brazil, Netherlands qualify for quarterfinals

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JOHANNESBURG (AP)—Brazil and the Netherlands advanced comfortably into the World Cup quarterfinals Monday, while anger simmered over refereeing blunders and FIFA's refusal to adopt video technology to eliminate them.

Brazil comfortably brushed aside Chile 3-0 at Ellis Park as the team pushes for a sixth title, while the Netherlands eased into the last eight with a 2-1 win against Slovakia. For Brazil, Juan and Luis Fabiano scored in the first half and Robinho finished off the scoring in the 59th minute.

"Chile played exceptionally well, they had a lot of possession of the ball," Brazil coach Dunga said. "But Brazil was able to have balance and control."

For the Netherlands, Arjen Robben and Wesley Sneijder scored in each half. Slovakia's Robert Vittek scored with a penalty with the last kick of the match. Brazil and The Netherlands will meet in the last eight in Port Elizabeth on Friday.

The other remaining round of 16 matches—Paraguay-Japan and Spain-

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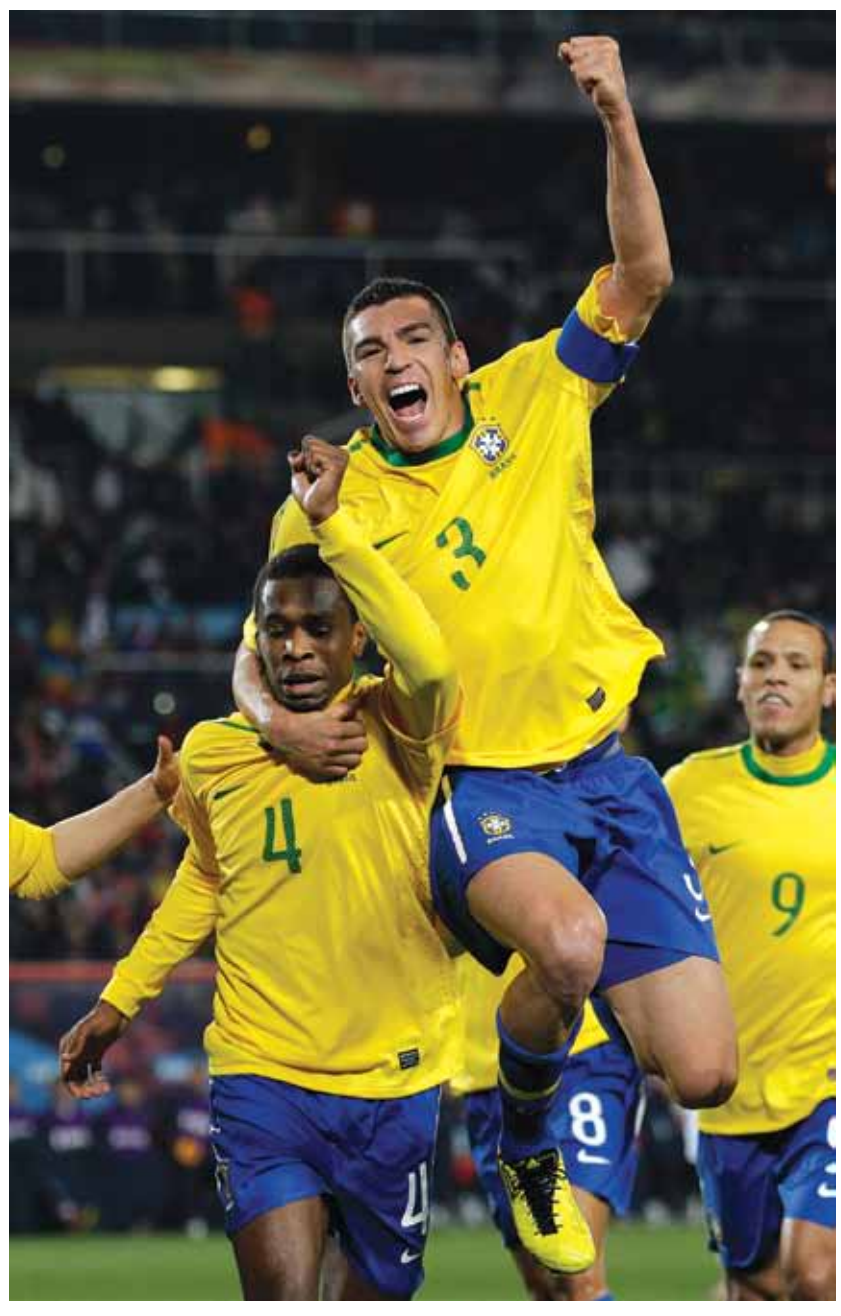
Brazil's Juan, left, celebrates with Brazil's Lucio, top, and Brazil's Luis Fabiano after scoring the opening goal during the World Cup round of 16 soccer match between Brazil and Chile at Ellis Park Stadium in Johannesburg, South Africa, Monday, June 28, 2010.
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